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PFU Chairman Declares Relief Is Sabotaged

Pratt Declares Big Business Fights Any
Sincere Attempt to Aid People

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Nov. 9.—The request for \$4,500,000 in state and federal relief funds to inaugurate a system of self-help cooperatives and build stores and factories along Production for Use lines, as presented and advocated by Winslow Carleton, state cooperative director, is a sincere attempt to rehabilitate the unemployed in California, John H. Pratt, chairman of the California Federation for Production for Use, said today, in an interview with the WESTERN WORKER correspondent.

Mr. Pratt was found at the new San Diego county headquarters of the P. F. U. Federation at 627 E. street, where he consented to discuss point by point the respective merits of Carleton's plan, which has thrown state welfare circles in a turmoil this week.

In reference to the criticism of Ralph E. Jenny, of San Diego, chairman of the State Relief Commission, who had charged that the cooperative plan was "pushed through" by liberal members of the Commission during the absence of its opponents, and the threat of Jenny to resign if the plan was approved, Pratt said, "There are plenty of competent persons to fill Jenny's place, and they at least would face the relief issue squarely without running to cover at the first sign of difficulty."

"Honest Effort."
"Anyone who really is fully conversant with the dire needs of the unemployed in this state," stated Pratt, "will realize the merit of Carleton's plan and that it is a real honest attempt to solve much of the unemployment problem of California. The difficulty of a practical solution for the relief of our people has been made more apparent on account of political plans awarded to those who either

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Jury Takes Three Minutes to Acquit Framed-up Scaler

PROSECUTION FAILS TO
PROVE CASE AGAINST
PETE GARCIA

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—

"Not Guilty!"
When, after three minutes of "deliberation" the jury brought in this verdict today in the case of the Industrial Association against Pete Garcia and the Ship Scalers' Union of which he is vice president, another employer frame-up against a militant trade unionist collapsed.

Garcia and Pablo Espinoza had been charged with "assault to commit great bodily harm," after a member of the union had met death as a result of an armed raid on a Scalers' meeting by tools of the employers some time ago. Charges against Espinoza have been dismissed.

The raid was an outgrowth of the strike which the union at that time was conducting against the employers. The strike was won later and the Scalers gained wage increases, control of hiring and other major concessions.

George Andersen, International Labor Defense attorney, defended Garcia and Espinoza in the trial which began Tuesday. Throughout the prosecution was unable to bring forward a scrap of credible evidence against the men.

Meanwhile, four other members of the union face first degree murder charges, cooked up as a result of the same meeting which resulted in one man's death. They are Archie Brown, Francisco Jimenez, Julio Canales and Natalio Ville. They will be up for trial Dec. 9. The International Labor Defense has been retained to defend them also.

COURT HEARS HERNDON WRIT

Constitutionality
Of Slave Law
Challenged

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 14.—Hearing on a writ of habeas corpus for Angelo Herndon is now under way before Judge Hugh M. Dorsey in the Fulton County Superior Court here.

The writ was asked after the United States Supreme Court refused to decide the constitutionality of the slave insurrection law under which Herndon was sentenced to 18 to 20 years on the chain gang. Herndon is now in the Fulton County jail, and will be sent to the chain gang unless the writ is granted or he is pardoned by Governor Talmadge.

Should the writ of habeas corpus be denied, the International Labor Defense will appeal to the highest courts, it was announced. At the same time an emergency appeal was sent out for \$3000 to carry on the expenses of the campaign to free Herndon, by the International Labor Defense at 80 East 11th street, Room 610, New York City.

The conviction of the young Negro unemployed leader has aroused the protests of working class leaders and prominent liberals throughout the country. This was shown at the Supreme Court hearing, when in addition to the brief prepared by the I.L.D. attorneys, an amicus curiae brief was submitted by a group of interested organizations and individuals, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, religious groups, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, and prominent churchmen.

Truck Drivers Work 84 Hours a Week

CLINTON, La.—(AP)—Truck drivers for cross-state trucking concerns normally work from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m., six days a week, for \$20 a week wages, Clinton chauffeurs say.

Foster Returns To Active Work This Week-End

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 14.—William Z. Foster, veteran Communist leader, is back in action again.

He will speak at a Daily Worker banquet in New York on Sunday night. It will his first public appearance since he was forced to the sickbed by a breakdown in health more than three years ago.

Foster will be welcomed by the tens of thousands of trade unionists who have known him for years as a militant fighter in their ranks. He was the Communist Party candidate for president in the 1932 election campaign, and a representative to the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International at Moscow during July and August.

L.A. ANTI-WAR RALLY PRAISES UNITED FRONT

FIGHT AGAINST FASCISM
AND WAR PLEDGED BY
CROWD OF 600

Plan Peace Congress
AMERICA WANTS NEITHER
WAR NOR FASCISM,
SAYS RICHIE

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 12.—"For America let there be no more fascism; for America let there be no more war!"

Epic Assemblyman Paul Richie of San Diego sounded this militant slogan at an anti-war meeting here last night, even as the capitalist-sponsored, Legionnaire-led forces in Los Angeles were still carrying on militaristic demonstrations on the anniversary of the last great slaughter of the toiling masses of the world.

Struggle for Peace.

Sponsored by the American League Against War and Fascism, the anti-war demonstration attracted 600 people to the Unitarian Church on Eight street near Vermont, to hear a united front of speakers condemn capitalist war and fascism and offer a militant program of struggle in behalf of peace and security for the working class and middle class.

Earlier in the day, the capitalists corralled all available military forces in a chauvinistic parade down Broadway, and in the evening a "torchlight" parade glorified the mechanisms of war. But although the Legionnaires mustered full strength, and high-pressure R.O.T.C. cadets from the high schools to march, the estimated 50,000 spectators along the line of march were not enthusiastic.

Rev. Floyd J. Seaman, of the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, called upon the audience to recognize that "the supreme task of this generation is to destroy war. A representative of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom outlined the work done by her organization in behalf of peace. Ethelwyn Mills, of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, also spoke briefly.

"We can see the forces of reaction growing all over California," said James Thorne, organizational secretary of the Los Angeles Section of the Communist Party.

"The only thing that break down this reaction is a United Front of all working class and middle class elements in California. On behalf of the Communist Party, I make a plea for unity and for a strong United Front against Fascism to prevent war!"

Thorne's speech was enthusiastic.

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War Crisis Felt In All Nations

Food Crisis in Germany—New Threats in
Orient—Sanctions to Begin Nov. 25

ROME, Nov. 15.—Premier Mussolini alternates between bellowing threats of reprisals against any nation imposing sanctions, and whining complaints to the League of Nations.

Italian spokesmen assert that since Japan was allowed a free hand to loot Manchuria, it Duce should be granted a similar free hand in robbing Ethiopia.

Meanwhile, an Italian representative in Munich, and it Duce is conferring with a British representative in Rome.

All Europe is described as a buzzing bee-hive of secret conferences between unofficial ambassadors.

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Attorney Leo Gallagher Trial To Be Handed to Jury Tomorrow

Two Ministers Testify for International
Defense Attorney and Two Others

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—The trial of Attorney Leo Gallagher and two others, framed on charges of rioting, is expected to go to the jury tomorrow morning. The frame-up represents an effort by financial interests to have the famous International Labor Defense attorney disbarred from practice.

Gallagher was present as a spectator at an open air meeting in Dolores Park last March 17th. Police attacked and broke up the meeting without provocation. Gallagher was standing talking to two ministers when police arrested him and booked him for "riot." Gallagher was defending the workers accused at the Criminal Syndicalism trial in Sacramento at the time and was in San Francisco over a week-end. Elaine Black, secretary of the International Labor Defense and Paula Morton were arrested at the same time and are facing trial with Gallagher.

The two ministers, Dr. Dillon W. Trickett and Dr. Harry Johnson Lane, who witnessed the arrests testified for the defense at the trial yesterday. During cross-examination, Assistant District Attorney Leslie Gillen, now especially assigned to handle prosecution of "Red" cases, accused Trickett of having spoken recently at a Communist meeting.

Trickett declared that the meeting was a United Front protest against the tarring and feathering of workers by vigilantes in Santa Rosa and was held at 68 Haight street, headquarters of the San Francisco Council of the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

SEAMEN ON HOT CARGO VESSEL ASK FARE HOME

UNITED FRUIT MEN TALK
STRIKE ON NEW
YORK DOCKS

Ryan Ignores Boycott

PEDRO DOCKERS TIE UP
THIRD VESSEL; BOSTON
LONGSHOREMEN ACT

SAN PEDRO, Nov. 14.—Still solidly aligned with the longshoremen against handling any "hot cargo" from the striking Gulf ports, seamen today demanded that the Luckenbach line immediately pay off and return to their home port seamen of the Katrina Luckenbach, scab-loaded vessel which has been tied up here for the past two weeks.

The crew of the Wayne and Hoyt freighter, which has been tied up because longshoremen refused to handle its "hot cargo," today was paid off and sent home.

The Federal Labor Relations Board, now meeting here, was reported to be studying records of dispatching calls "to determine how many new men can be registered." The employers have demanded that the board hire 500 scab longshoremen for the rolls, and also take "disciplinary action" against the International Longshoremen's Union members for their militant refusal to handle "hot cargo."

Solidarity with their striking brothers in the Gulf ports took concrete form again here Monday when members of the International Longshoremen's local tied up another "hot cargo" freighter by refusing to unload scab-loaded cargo.

The S.S. Matthew Luckenbach arrived in the harbor here yesterday, but received the same fate as the other "hot cargo" vessels, the Katrina Luckenbach and the Point Montara. The latter two ships have been tied up for a week.

BOSTON TIE-UP

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 14.—The steamer Liberty Glo, from the Gulf of Mexico is still tied up at the docks in Boston, Mass., and the local I.L.A. has served notice any attempt by the company to use scabs will be met with a tie-up of all Lykes coastal and trans-Atlantic ships.

Today is the fourth day of the tie-up.

Locally Joseph P. Ryan, national I.L.A. president still is permitting hot cargo to be worked, on a variety of technical excuses. Men were not called off the dock when the steamer El Almirante docked at Pier 49 in spite of the fact that Ryan has telegraphed all locals, telling them: "Inasmuch (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

Fed. Convention May Discuss Hot Cargo Ban Today

Boycott on Munitions Shipments One of
Resolutions Before Meet; Delegates
May Ask Tightening of Gulf Ban

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15.—The issue of hot cargo and of a unified policy regarding the nation-wide boycott on shipments from the Gulf ports was to come up on the floor of the emergency convention of the Maritime Federation here today.

The convention has been in session since Tuesday morning. Discussions revolving around the Federation president's report to the delegates have consumed considerable time until today. More than a score of resolutions have been introduced, however, and will be acted upon as fast as reported out of the resolutions committee.

Among the resolutions which will come up for consideration is one calling for a boycott of all munitions shipments to Mussolini—for a refusal to load such materials and refusal to transport them to Italy or the war front in Ethiopia.

The hot cargo question has become a burning one. International officials of the I.L.A., while announcing the boycott against cargo loaded by strikebreakers in the various Gulf ports, have consistently stalled and on the Atlantic Coast scab cargo is being unloaded by I.L.A. men day after day. International Seamen's Union officials in the East and on the Gulf meanwhile are furnishing crews wholesale for these hot cargo vessels.

Tighten Boycott.

It is probable the Maritime Federation Convention will call upon I.L.A. and I.S.U. officials in the East to take immediate steps toward banning the hot cargo and he ships which contain it. Editorially, the DAILY WORKER, official organ of the Communist Party of the U. S., today points out that only a real tightening of the boycott in all ports will be effective in forcing shipowners to grant the striking Gulf longshoremen recognition of their union, the I.L.A.

Delegates are in attendance at the emergency convention (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

San Diego Cafe Asks Injunction Against Pickets

LABOR COUNCIL MARKS
TIME ON WPA
STRIKE

(San Diego Federated Trades and Labor Council.)

SAN DIEGO, Nov. 14.—According to CIO delegates, the injunction to prevent picketing at the Golden Lion Cafe, has been postponed until Monday, Nov. 18. A temporary restraining order which prevents all picketing until the hearing is held was granted last Thursday to Louis Provost, proprietor of the Golden Lion. The restraining order is directed against Cooks and Waitresses' Local 401, Waiters and Bartenders' Local 500 and John and Jane Does from one to five hundred. The case will be held before Judge Turrentine, who according to reports at the Council meeting, is violently anti-labor. It was announced that at one time Judge Turrentine granted an injunction against San Diego Laundry Drivers. Delegates reported there is a strong sentiment to renew picketing after next Monday, regardless of the court decision. Motion pictures of patrons of the scab Golden Lion Cafe taken during the past two weeks were shown last night at the Council meeting. Many prominent local business men were recognized.

Greet American League.

In response to a letter from the San Jose Amer. League Against (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Whitney and Branch Face Trials Soon.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—James Branch's hearing on a writ of habeas corpus to halt the deportation proceedings against him will be held in Judge Louderback's court on Monday, Nov. 18, in the Post Office Building at 7th and Mission streets. The court room is on the second floor of the new annex.

Workers are urged by the International Labor Defense to pack the court and to write Judge Louderback protesting the deportation move and demanding Branch's unconditional freedom.

Comrade Anita Whitney goes to trial on so-called perjury charges on November 22nd before Superior Judge Robinson's court, with I.L.D. Attorney George Andersen defending her.

Send your individual protest to Judge Robinson immediately, demanding dismissal of the charges and see that your organization takes similar action.

Louise Todd Sent to Tehachapi Prison

LIBERALS SCORE SENTENCE AS
DELIBERATE PERSECUTION

"investigated" Miss Todd and recommended against her freedom, received letters of protest from, to name a few, Parley Christensen, leading progressive member of the Los Angeles city council; Isabel Frazer, a leading educator in Southern California; H. Jerry Voorhis, a prominent Epic leader of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Annie Riley Hale.

Question of Civil Rights.
Mrs. Hale, who has just published a book on medicine, said in her letter to McNulty: "I am not acquainted with Miss Todd, and my own political beliefs do not tally with either the Communist or Socialist philosophy. It is not, therefore, as either a personal or political partisan that I would bespeak your clemency in Miss Todd's case. But as one who feels that defending the Constitutional rights

of others is part—and a very important part—of safeguarding our own.

"I may say that I am an American from Colonial days, a registered Daughter of the American Revolution—though wholly out of sympathy with the militaristic antics of the D. A. R. . . . Alice Park, for many years a leading suffragette and peace advocate, who was one of those who sailed on Henry Ford's 'peace ship,' wrote to both McNulty and Judge Harris—as most of the writers did—urging clemency for Comrade Todd.

Deliberate Persecution.
Roger Baldwin national director of the American Civil Liberties Union, scored her imprisonment as an obvious case of discrimination for political views. In his letter to McNulty he declared:

"We are amazed to see that (Miss Todd's) conviction brought a sentence of one to 14 years in prison for what must be regarded as a technical offense frequently occurring in political campaigns.

"Since Miss Todd is well known as a member of the Communist Party, it seems fairly obvious that her sentence was based rather upon her unpopular politics than upon the gravity of the offense itself."

From Culbert L. Olson, of Los Angeles, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee came letters to both Judge Harris and McNulty. In his protest to the latter, he said:

"There is a wide-spread opinion that this girl is being persecuted, not because of the technical infringement of the law which might be incident to the wide circulation of any petition, but because of her beliefs."

Workers and friends of labor are (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Committee to Promote Industrial Unionism Headed By John L. Lewis

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 14.—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers' Union, will head a "Committee for Industrial Unionism," which was formed at Washington, D. C., on Nov. 9 by representatives of eight international unions of the American Federation of Labor.

Charles P. Howard of the Typographical Union is secretary of the committee and John Brophy of Pittsburgh is director.

The committee includes the large industrial unions with a million and a quarter membership, which fought for industrial form of organization at the recent A. F. of L. national convention in Atlantic City.

"It is the purpose of the Committee," its official statement says, "to encourage and promote organization of the workers in the mass production and unorganized industries of the nation and affiliation with the A. F. of L. Its functions will be educational and advisory and the committee and its representatives will cooperate for the recognition and acceptance of modern collective bargaining in such industries."

Included on the Committee, in addition to Lewis, Howard and Brophy, are Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers; David Dubinsky,

LABOR COUNCIL DEBATES STRIKE ON WPA JOBS

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War and Fascism announcing that a regional conference of that organization will be held Nov. 24, the local Federated Trades Council sent greetings to the conference. No request for delegates was made.

Still awaiting action from the California Federation of Labor on the WPA wage situation, the Federated Trades took no action this week to declare a WPA strike. On word from the State Federation that state-wide action against the WPA was being prepared, the local Federated Trades last week elected its Executive Committee as a special strike committee with full power to act in this matter. Locals this week have been instructing their members to stay on the projects until a general strike is declared, so that all important projects will be tied up simultaneously.

For Adequate Relief.

A motion introduced by David Vosk of the Office Workers union requesting the Welfare Dept. to make up the difference in direct relief when WPA wages are less than the former SERRA budget, was passed without opposition. Vosk, stated that many workers with large families are receiving considerably less money per month under WPA than they received on direct relief.

After hearing a report by Francis Gleason, recent Senior Interviewer of the State Employment office here, the Federated Trades voted to demand an investigation of "corruption in management" of the local office. Letters were ordered sent with this demand to Harry Hopkins, Federal relief administrator; TimOTHY Reardon, head of the State Dept. of Industrial Relations, and Roy Stockton, chief of the Southern Calif. Employment Service.

Relief Politics.

The Council is also insisting on the immediate re-instatement of Francis Gleason, who is a member of the local Office Workers' Union. His resignation was ordered this week because he refused to assign the best jobs which came through his office, to supporters of the local Republican machine.

The San Diego office is managed by Ray Mathewson, a local "labor politician" and a member of the Electricians' Union. There is a strong movement on foot to have him kicked out of his local.

Secretary A. C. Rogers, Delegate Stanley Gue and others, spoke on the importance of throwing all possible support behind the impending two million dollar bond issue to "earthquake proof" local school buildings. If the bond issue passes, practically all the union building tradesmen are expected to receive work at prevailing wages during the winter months. A sum of \$50,000 was voted to carry out precinct work on this election and the Council voted to energetically campaign for the passage of the bond issue.

BOYCOTT HEARST NEWSPAPERS!

president of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union; Thomas F. Mahon, president of the United Textile Workers' Union; Harvey C. Fleming, president of the Oil Field Workers' Union; Max Zaritsky of the cap and millinery department of the Hatters' Union, and Th. Brown, president of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union.

JAIL TERM FOR LOUISE TODD IS PROTESTED

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urged to continue the flood of protest letters—and add Governor Merriam to the list of recipients.

At the same time write Superior Judge Elmer Robinson in San Francisco, demanding that he dismiss the case against Anita Whitney when she comes to trial on the same charges that were brought against Comrade Todd.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13.—Convicted of perjury on a trivial technicality, Louise Todd, member of the Communist Party, will be transferred from the County Jail here to the Women's State Prison, Tehachapi, Calif., within the next few days. She was given a maximum sentence of one to 14 years for not having witnessed the signing of several names to a petition which she circulated to put the Communist Party on the ballot.

Comrade Todd issued this statement to the Western Worker today:

"I was tried and convicted on technical charges of perjury although it was proven in court that the act was committed unwittingly. Judge Harris, in denying me probation, clearly indicated that he did so because I was a member of the Communist Party and because I had continued my activities as a member of the Party after my arrest and conviction."

"It was also because I refused to become a stool pigeon for the Red Squad, the Court, the Industrial Association and the Chamber of Commerce. I refused to bring witnesses into the court who had signed petitions which I had circulated. To have done so would have been to implicate those people who mistakenly filed my petitions."

We asked probation because of my health. Had probation been granted, however, on the condition that I resign from my membership and activities in the Communist Party, I would most certainly have refused. Although on the surface I was tried for perjury unwittingly committed and convicted, I was really sentenced for being a Communist. I want it plain that I shall remain a loyal member of the Communist Party."

Andersen Praised.

"Attorney George Andersen's splendid, militant defense in my behalf will strengthen the confidence of the more than 37,000 San Francisco people who voted for him in the recent election. He has proven himself an able champion and defender of the democratic rights of the people."

"My conviction is only part of a deliberate campaign by reactionary interests in California to destroy the Communist Party. The militant workers must be more vigilant than ever at this time to preserve their democratic rights."

At Tehachapi, Comrade Todd will join two other Communist Party members serving terms on framed charges: Caroline Decker, No. 57617, and Nora Conklin, No. 57616, two of the eight Criminal Syndicalism trial victims.

Attorney Leo Gallagher.

Attorney Leo Gallagher, International Labor Defense, who defended the C. S. prisoners earlier in the year, was in court when Judge Harris denied probation to Louise Todd. When Harris made a verbal attack against the Communist Party, Gallagher rose and explained the true position of the Communist Party on violence, which directly contradicted the inferences of the Judge. Gallagher also advised the Judge to get a few books on Communism and read up on it before he started trying to tell people what the Communist Party stood for.

Food Prices Higher

WASHINGTON.—(EP)—Another increase in food prices is reported by the U. S. Dept. of Labor. Its retail food index was 8-10 of a per cent higher on Oct. 22 than two weeks earlier, while the price of such a staple as potatoes rose 8.7 per cent in the two weeks.

Machinists' Local 68 Votes Closed Shop Or Strike

MILITANT SAN FRANCISCO UNION ASKS 40-HOUR WEEK

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—Decision to strike Jan. 2, 1936, unless certain shops return to union wage scales and other union shop conditions was taken at a special meeting of the Machinists' Union, Local 68, at a meeting here last night.

The Machinists also ask the 40-hour week. At Wednesday's meeting an overwhelming majority of those present were in favor of strike action to enforce the union scale and an equally large majority favored the 40-hour week proposal.

Union rates of pay, as paid in some shops now are; Machinists, 90 cents per hour; specialists, 72 cents per hour; helpers, 65 cents per hour; die and toolmakers, \$1.12½ cents per hour.

Notices of the decision to act will be sent at once to all shops in San Francisco which are not at present living up to the union's minimum wage scale. If this does not force them into line, the strike will be called.

Machinists' Local 68 is one of the oldest unions in the city. It was organized nearly 50 years ago, a few years before the International came into existence. Because of its strength and militancy it was able to better conditions in the trade for workers all over the West.

It has participated in several major struggles and is recognized by employers throughout the city for its militancy.

EL SINORE JIM CROW TRIAL TO START NOV. 19

ILD, DEFENDS NEGRO CCC FRAME-UP VICTIM

EL SINORE, Calif., Nov. 12.—Originally set for today, trial of Alfonso Townsend, young Negro worker from the La Cienega CCC Camp, on framed charges of "disturbing the peace" has been postponed a week until next Tuesday, Nov. 19th, in justice court here.

The International Labor Defense, handling Townsend's defense through Attorney Grover Johnson, has issued a call for renewed protests by workers and their organizations against this attempted frame-up, demanding that Townsend be immediately freed.

Protests should also be sent to the War Department demanding abolition of all segregated "Jim Crow" CCC camps such as the La Cienega Camp in Riverside County, and investigation and punishment against the army officers in charge of this camp for discrimination against the young Negro workers.

At his first trial, Townsend gave a graphic account of the brutal methods, reminiscent of Southern slavery, used by the army officers to run the La Cienega Camp. The jury ended in a deadlock, 6 to 6.

Workers are urged to pack the court next Tuesday at the retrial, particularly since authentic reports indicate vigilante terrorism may be used against Townsend, his witnesses, and I.L.D. representatives.

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viously reported to have welcomed the invading forces are manifesting a sharply different sentiment now that the invading arm of Italian fascism has plunged in up to its elbow.

ROME, Nov. 15.—War reports reaching the public after having been detoured through the fascist censorship bureaus announce countless and unceasing victories and battles in which thousands of Ethiopians are slaughtered and one or two Italians wounded or scratched.

The problem of dealing with the hungry Italian masses and their growing protests at food shortages caused by sharply curtailed imports is one of mounting seriousness to the Fascist government which is seeking solution in its only resource, club and gun.

PARIS, Nov. 15.—Indications here are that both England and France, although supporting the League of Nations sanction

DESERTER FROM ITALIAN ARMY REVEALS WAR CONDITIONS

Tanks Can Only Move a Few Miles Before Engines Start Boiling—Drivers Almost Roasted Alive Inside

By W. H. Holmes, Daily Worker War Correspondent.

ADDIS ABABA, Nov. 13.—Sergio Clementi, a native of Fiume, aged 23, conscripted to help Mussolini's raid on Ethiopia, deserted the Fascist Army in Italian Somalia and made his way to the Ethiopian lines.

Today, I had a talk with Clementi, a smiling, intelligent young worker, and discussed the reasons for his action.

Before being mobilized he was engaged in motor repair work in a Ford service garage. On July 18 he was compelled to join the Fascist Army.

His description of conditions to which the Italian soldiers are subjected forces the conclusion that many others will either follow Clementi's example or revolt.

The daily water allowance for all purposes is only one and a half litres (a litre is just slightly more than a quart). For extra supplies the soldiers must pay the

STUDIOS FOR DRUNKEN PARTIES FIRETRAPS FOR ARTISTS

Renowned Artist Forced Into Desperate Poverty Loses Life Work in Blaze

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13.—It is one of the curious dictums of capitalist philosophy that an artist must suffer. Agony, they believe, makes the artist acutely sensitive, with the result that he produces interesting decorations for the millionaire's home.

Beniamino Bufano, artist of world renown, has received more than his share of the special hell which capitalist society has created for men of genius. They permitted him to design the buffalo which decorates the American nickel, and he has seen precious few of them since.

Forced down into desperate poverty, distressed by marital difficulties, he continued his creative work despite every handicap. Even when driven to occupy a flimsy wooden shack in San Francisco the artist persevered in his work. Last night his shack burned to

the ground and with it the artist's work of a lifetime which was crowded within its walls.

Meanwhile, lining Pacific Heights and Russian Hill, scores of elegantly designed, commodious art studios were brilliant with light. No artists were at work within them for artists don't live there. For the most part they are occupied by the children of the rich who use them to throw drunken parties in.

Next time you see a nickel, look at the buffalo on the back, symbol of pioneer America, and think of the man who designed it. Turn it over on the other side and you will see an Indian head, symbol of a massacred race of mankind.

I wonder who designed the eagle on the dollar, and how he fared?

Convention of Mar. Federation Is Now Meeting

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from practically every port and maritime group on the Pacific Coast. Vancouver maritime workers sent two fraternal delegates but representatives from the Gulf were unable to attend.

Major questions yet to be discussed include the hot cargo issue, the seamen's demands and the question of taking action to prevent the U. S. Government from re-establishing the Fink Halls here on the coast and elsewhere. Resolutions on these, and on many other issues of but little less importance have been introduced and are in the hands of the Resolutions Committee.

BERLIN, Nov. 14.—Widespread hunger and want continue to spread throughout Germany owing to sharply curtailed food imports. Conditions comparative to the desperate war-time period when Germany played a losing game in seeking to make the country self-supporting by starving the masses

Communist Talker Well Received at San Diego Forum

FIRST MEETING UNDER PFU AUSPICES PROVES SUCCESSFUL

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Nov. 13.—Three speakers, representing the Republican and Communist Parties and the EPIC group, talked at the first open forum under the auspices of the local Production for Use Committee, held at the Utopian Headquarters here Sunday, Nov. 10.

Subject of the forum was: "The Republican, Epic and Communist Way Out of Depression." Walter Bellon, Republican League speaker and well-known local retired business man, as first speaker, received loud applause when he declared he was "glad to have the privilege and honor of appearing on a platform with such an intelligent speaker as Mr. Paul Alexander, who represents the Communist Party."

Mr. Bellon charged Roosevelt and the Democratic Party with breaking every pledge made prior to the election, with the single exception of the repeal of prohibition. He discussed the limits of consumption of the American people and, although advocating a return to "individualism," declared the Republican Party program provides for more scientific distribution of goods.

American Revolt Seen.

Assemblyman Paul Richie spoke for the EPIC and declared he was not "certain the EPIC way out is the right way," but insisted that "if it isn't the right way, it did in some measure have a program that will lead the people in the right direction."

He conceded the possibility that the American people may have need to use force in order that the workers and farmers might become owner of the means of production and of the wealth of the nation. On the other hand, however, he urged the people to "resort" to Production for use, in order to beat the employers to it.

Mr. Alexander, a well-known local Communist leader appeared to have the edge on the previous speakers. He declared that Bellon had given a "fine, decent, clear-cut talk which was in itself a confession that he (Bellon) did not know what it was all about. If he did," Alexander declared, "he wouldn't be a Republican."

Marxian Way Out.

Alexander gave a Marxian analysis of the present economic set-up and scored the administration's policy of destroying food and other materials while millions were in need. He pointed out that the wealth and resources of America are sufficient to guarantee the people a decent living standard with happiness and security.

The speaker at next Sunday's forum will be Mr. A. C. Rogers, secretary of the San Diego Federated Trades Council, who will speak on "The Lid Blown Off the WPA Racket." Rogers is a bitter opponent of the local supervisors' plan to pay a low wage to people working on WPA projects.

Because Mr. Rogers is scheduled to speak over Radio Station KFSD the early part of Sunday afternoon, the Open Forum will meet at 2:30 p. m. instead of at 2:15. The Utopian Headquarters is located at Central and University streets. The forum is held in La Loma Hall.

TRIAL OF LEO GALLAGHER IS NEARING END

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Democratic Party. However, he stated that he had frequently spoken on the same program with Communist speakers and would continue to do so, that the Communists were human beings sincerely interested in bettering the welfare of the people, and that he had every right to speak at their meetings if he so desired.

All witnesses have now testified. Arguments will be held tomorrow morning and the case will go to the jury. The prosecution witnesses consisted of four police officers. The defense witnesses consisted of one police officer, two ministers and the three defendants.

SHANGHAI, Nov. 14.—Intensified Japanese threats were considered imminent today as mass Chinese resentment at the Japanese military invasion of Shanghai was reported to have resulted in spontaneous anti-Japanese action by aroused Chinese.

Chinese Red Army Wins Salient Victories in Szechwan Advance

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13.—News that the Japanese are preparing to launch new assaults against China comes simultaneously with news of salient victories by the Red Army of Soviet China. So important are these victories that the Chinese Nationalist Government of Chiang Kai Shek has despatched its entire navy and

airfleet to Szechwan Province, the effected area.

Reports from China definitely attribute the new Japanese offensive to the rapidly mounting Communist sentiment which the foreign subsidized forces of Chiang Kai Shek are proving unable to cope with. Closely related to the Communist movement is the anti-imperialist movement striking directly at Japanese capitalist interests.

Local papers report the imminence of further Japanese assaults, but disguise them as being directed at the Chinese Nationalist Government and owing to "provocations." Victories of the Chinese Soviets and the rising tide of revolutionary unrest throughout China, are not included in the capitalist reports. Centers of Japanese "indignation" at the moment are Shanghai and North China.

The Chinese Red Army has successfully broken the cordon of troops with which Chiang Kai Shek has surrounded Chengtu, capital of Szechwan. They are moving toward the city from two points of attack, the Northwest and the South.

CREW WALKS OFF HOT CARGO SHIP

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as all efforts have been unavailing, you are hereby instructed to carry out instructions of the convention and refuse to handle any ships that were loaded with nonunion labor in the Southern ports. Effective 1 p. m., Thursday." (That was Thursday, Nov. 7.)

Rank and file longshoremen on the Atlantic Coast are profoundly disturbed by Ryan's lack of action. Meanwhile, on the United Fruit Line docks here the men are talking strike. Early this week eight men suspected of agitating for the I.L.A. were fired. They immediately went to company officials and demanded the right to work.

All were reinstated except Nick Sands, who is openly recognized as the chairman of the I.L.A. organization committee on the docks. Last Friday some 150 United Fruit dock workers held a meeting which also was attended by several I.L.A. officials. The strike sentiment is growing rapidly as the men are thoroughly disgusted with the United Fruit's company union.

ANTI-WAR RALLY IN LOS ANGELES ON NOVEMBER 11

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lastly received by the audience.

Youth Congress.

Following a speech by John Despol, chairman of the Southern California American Youth Congress, the audience repeated a pledge:

"We, the people of America, pledge our intelligence and our unified strength to build the American Youth Congress."

"The problem of our generation is to unite or die," said Despol. "This slogan was raised once before in American history—at the time of the American Revolution in 1776."

The tremendously important role of the working class and the trade unions, in stopping war and in fighting against fascist tendencies, was strongly presented by A. C. Rogers, secretary of the San Diego Federated Trades and Labor Council. Rogers particularly stressed the necessity for a militant fight against the Criminal Syndicalism Law.

Speaking officially for the Utopian Society of America, Harry Jones stated: "My organization condemns war and will use every weapon necessary to prevent another slaughter of the sons of America."

"The A. E. E. stands for After European Finances for J. P. Morgan and company."

"It is unthinkable," said Assemblyman Richie, "that another war should come in this era of potential abundance. We must fight to stop it."

"The only thing that came out of the war with any credit to it was the Russian Revolution!"

Peace Congress.

Announcement was made by Chairman Reed of a Peace Congress to be held on November 24. The audience was also requested to carry on a persistent campaign of telephone calls to the Italian consul here in protest against the fascist aggression against Ethiopia.

(An analysis of the Self-Help Cooperative project will appear in an early issue.)

FOREIGN NEWS
BriefsSoviet Trade Gains Reported
"Racial Defilement"
Shanghai War Scare
German Unemployed

SOVIET UNION.—Big trade gains are reported by the Soviet Union during the past few years. A. P. Rosengoltz, commissar for foreign trade, reported that Soviet foreign indebtedness, which was 1,400,000,000 rubles in 1931, had been cut to 139,000,000 rubles at the beginning of 1935. This year's favorable foreign trade balance is expected to be 120,000,000 rubles.

At the same time the Soviet gold reserve increased to 960,000,000 rubles on Oct. 1, an increase of about 300,000,000 rubles during the last three years. Gold production, which has about doubled in the past two years, is second only to South Africa. Torgsin store sales attracted 270,000,000 rubles in gold and other precious metals in the last four years.

GERMANY.—A German Jew has been sentenced to nine months' imprisonment on a charge of "racial defilement" although the court itself admitted no proof of "racial defilement" had been presented. The victim, a Hamburg business man, stated he had flirted with the woman in question, who had made advances while he was sitting in a cafe. The woman, a member of the Nazi Women's League, denied this. The court said there was danger of "racial defilement" in such a situation and that accordingly the Jew must be punished.

CHINA.—Shanghai is assuming the appearance of a fortified camp, following the concentration of Japanese marines near the Chinese city of Chapei. The pretext given is that a Japanese marine was murdered by an unidentified Chinese. The only eye witness to the killing testified that a man dressed in a Japanese bluecoat uniform did the shooting.

A recurrence of war similar to the Japanese attack on Chapei in 1932 is feared. At that time 30,000 men, women and children were murdered.

GERMANY.—The Institute of Business Research reports that unemployment in Germany may be expected to increase to approximately 1,000,000 during the coming winter. Unemployment was officially listed at 1,700,000 in September, but this is below the actual figures. Every effort is made to kick all possible persons off relief, and the figures are further reduced by enrollments in the army, in labor camps, and sending unemployed to work on farms, in the land and room only.

The large number of unemployed, together with rising prices for food and the scarcity of meat and dairy products, foretells a tough winter for German workers. Government trained propagandists are used to try to make the workers accept the "sacrifices" they undergo so that Germany can reclaim herself.

AUSTRIA.—One thousand employees of the Vienna street car company were summoned to police stations for questioning as a result of suspicions of participating in a clandestine Socialist organization. The street car employees, during the Socialist rule of Vienna, were noted for their militancy, and the latest raids, which resulted in the arrest of many of those questioned, indicated fascist terror has not intimidated them.

GERMANY.—Families having plans for home consumption must report them to authorities, so they can be seized when wanted. This is the latest measure to allay the food shortage that is becoming acute in Germany.

Washington Mothers Demand Nurseries

WASHINGTON.—(FP)—Fifty marching mothers, with children in their arms, invaded FERA headquarters in Washington to demand the reopening of nursery schools. They won assurance from the authorities that a \$136,000 project for re-opening Washington's ten nursery schools is being hastened.

"Emergency relief doesn't allow me money for cod liver oil," protested one of the mothers. In nursery school her little girl at least gets that, she said. Another told of her 4-year-old boy developing tuberculosis and of not being able to afford proper food and medicine for him at home.

National Guard Is Used To Break Strike
Farmers, Workers, Vets, Face GunsFARMER-LABOR PARTY
WOULD BAR SUCH USETroops Called 22 Times in 15 States in 1935;
13 Democratic Governors and
2 Republicans Involved

Adding to the numerous reasons for the present breakaway of wide masses of workers and farmers and veterans from the old capitalist parties, a survey of the use of the National Guard for strike-breaking and scab-herding in many states proves conclusively how for many years reactionaries of both major parties have been supported by people who in times of severe economic crisis find themselves being denied their constitutional rights and instead face the point of a bayonet or choke with tear-gas.

NEW YORK CITY.—National Guardsmen and state police have been used in farmer and labor disputes at least 22 times in 15 states so far during 1935, according to a compilation made by Labor Research Association of New York City. Thirteen Democratic Party governors and two Republicans were involved. Governor Eugene Talmadge, Democrat of Georgia, alone has called out National Guardsmen in strikes seven times in the last two years, five times during textile strikes this year.

A considerable increase in the use of militia during the past three years is noted by the research group. In 1933, troops were used in 10 labor disputes and four farm struggles in 11 states, presided over by eight Democratic governors and three Republicans. Troops were used twice in Iowa, Illinois and Pennsylvania during the course of the year.

But in the following year, which witnessed some of the most bitter strikes of the decade, troops were employed 21 times in 18 states. Fourteen Democratic governors, three Republicans and one Farmer-Laborite, Floyd Olson of Minnesota, called on militia or state police to quell labor actions during 1934.

In many cases the troops were called out by Governors who were supported at election times by American Federation of Labor officials who follow the outworn shibboleth of "voting for our best interests irrespective of party." That many hitherto given to this policy are now swinging to support of the Farmer-Labor Party idea, is shown by the upsurge in its favor at the recent A. F. of L. convention, and the large united front anti-fascist voting through-out recent elections.

Here is the record for 1935:

EUGENE TALMADGE, Ga., D.—January 7—350 against Richmond Hosiery Co. strikers at Rossville. Guardsmen arrested 60 men and women of whom 27 were placed in Atlanta "detention" camp.

DAVE SHOLTZ, Fla., D.—February—Against 450 World War veterans who struck FERA project at Florida Keys.

EUGENE TALMADGE, Ga., D.—

February—350 against Callaway Mill textile strikers at Lar Grange and Manchester.

TOM BERRY, S. D., D.—March 9—Against strikers at John Morrell Co., meat packers of Sioux Falls.

GEORGE H. EARLE, Pa., D.—April and May—State troops brutally attacked United Anthracite Miners' (union) strikers at Plymouth and in Luzerne County.

E. W. MARLAND, Okla., D.—May—Two units ordered to Picher in lead miners' strike.

R. L. COCHRAN, Neb., D.—June 14—1800 Guardsmen sent into strike of 285 Omaha street car workers.

HENRY HORNER, Ill., D.—June 14—To Freeport in strike of 700 at Stover Manufacturing Co.

EUGENE TALMADGE, Ga., D.—June—Guardsmen forced opening of struck Walton Cotton Mills at Monroe.

ALFRED M. LONDON, Kan., R.—June—Guardsmen set up machine guns to protect strikebreakers in lead and zinc miners' strike at Galena. Martial law declared.

FRANK MERRIAM, Calif., R.—June—60 Guardsmen patrolled Eureka streets in lumber strike.

CLARENCE D. MARTIN, Wash., D.—June—Nearly 600 used against lumber strikers at Tacoma.

OLIN D. JOHNSON, S. C., D.—July 10—Against Pelter textile strikers.

PAUL A. MURPHY, Ind., D.—July 22—2000 Guardsmen tear-gassed Terre Haute general strikers. Guardsmen ruled city, third-degreed union leaders and arrested 100.

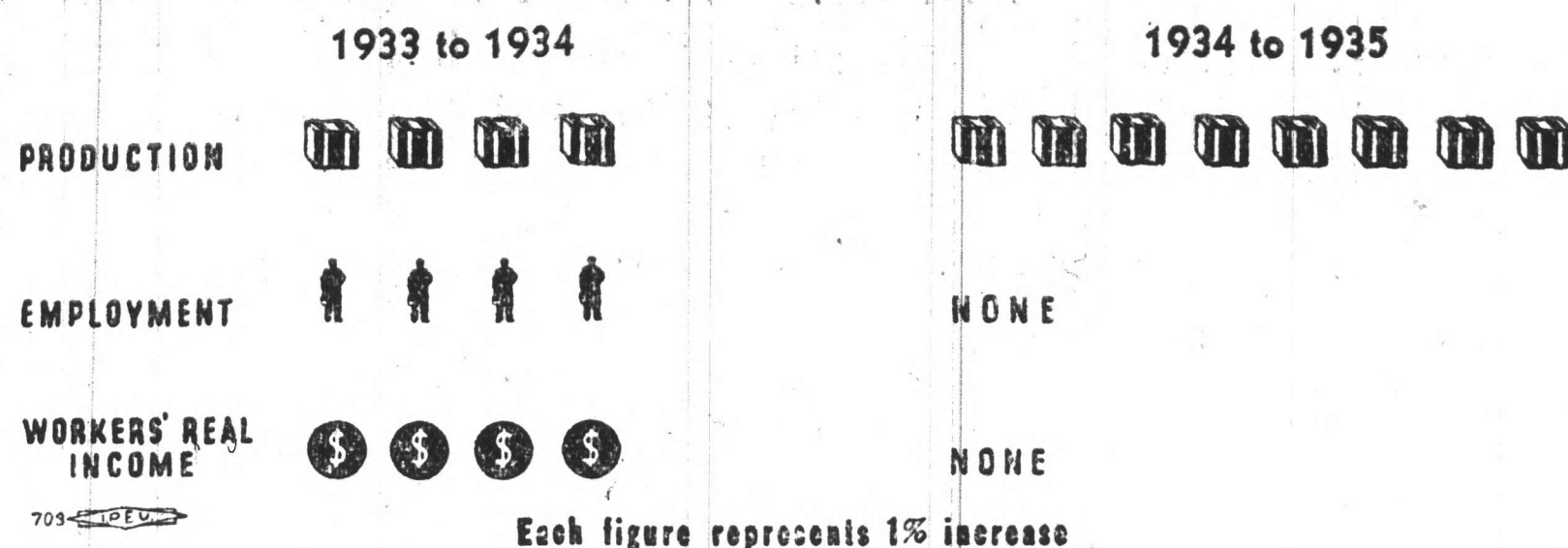
CHARLES H. MARTIN, Ore., D.—July—Issued orders for police to protect scab shipments and mobilized entire force in readiness against lumber strikers.

R. L. COCHRAN, Neb., D.—August 28—Martial law declared in Scotts Bluff county where several hundred farmers defied state and courts in fight over irrigation waters.

OLIN D. JOHNSON, S. C., D.—September—Against Pelter textile strikers.

RUBY LAFFOON, Ky., D.—September 29—To Hardan after U. M. W. A. officials reported reign of terror.

INCREASES IN PRODUCTION AND BUYING POWER



From 1933 to 1934 we kept the balance between production and consuming power: production, employment, workers' real income each increased approximately 4%. In the first 8 months of 1935, there was no such balance; production rose 8% but there was no corresponding increase in employment and workers' income. (Source: Production of mines and factories, U. S. Federal Reserve Board; employment (all persons) and workers' income; Dept. of Commerce and A. F. of L. estimate based on Government figures. Workers' income represents all labor income adjusted by NRA cost of living index.)

Farmers Protest
Sales Tax, Back
Striking MinersCONVENTION OF ALABAMA
FARM UNION CONDEMNES
CROP RESTRICTIONS

FIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The Alabama Farmers Union concluded its annual convention here with 1000 delegates and visitors in attendance. Many progressive resolutions were adopted and the whole convention showed a very militant spirit in the Union.

Both the Bankhead Cotton Control Act and the AAA were condemned in resolutions which declared they did not benefit "the average farmer." A resolution attacking "the method of experimentation with fertilizers by the TVA" called upon the government to go ahead with the manufacture of fertilizers for direct sale to the farmers.

Hit Sales Tax. Another resolution opposed the sales tax and pointed out that Governor Graves had promised in his election speeches that he would oppose the sales tax "even as a last resort."

Moral and financial support by the Farmers' Union was pledged to the striking Alabama coal miners. Edward E. Kennedy, National secretary of the Farmers' Union and Edward Z. Yeager, vice president of the State Federation of Labor, urged closer relationship between farmers' unions and organized labor. Mr. Yeager said he had been assured by the Alabama Independent Merchants Association that their members would not buy produce from the farmer unless it was Union farm produce.

Telegraph Protest. The convention voted unanimous approval of a protest telegram to President Roosevelt charging a settlement agent for the government in Alabama had been "discriminating against the Farmers' Union" by circulating a report that members of the Farmers' Union could not get any benefits from the resettlement set-up.

"The Farmers' Union has grown to a membership of more than 20,000 members in the state and is organizing rapidly.

FASCISM AND
THE CHURCH
Nazi Torture

Pastor Reif, of Veldenz-on-Mosel, Germany, is attached to the Confessional church. Over 90 per cent of his congregation were united behind their pastor, for which reason the village clerk, who was also the local Nazi (Fascist) group leader, caused him to be expelled. The following is the narrative of his wife, Frau Reif, taken from a pastoral letter of the Evangelical Confessional Synod of June 26.

"On Friday, May 24, at about 9:30 p. m., about 25 men came to our house. Their spokesman, Herr Bottler, the village clerk, asked to speak with my husband. I told them he was not at home. They then began to shout, in chorus, 'Drive out the traitor!' and so on. I endeavored to defend my husband. One of the men shouted he would like to cut my husband's throat that night. Herr Bottler said he had brought discontent into the village. Later, from my second story window, I called to a rural constable who was passing, asking for protection, but he made no reply. When I said I'd like to make a charge, he told me to make it in writing, and walked away.

"Till Blood Flows."

"Men continued to stand in groups near the house. From one group I heard the remark: 'Everything must be fixed before five o'clock. First we must beat up the pastor until blood flows—then the concentration camp.' Then my husband arrived. I ran down to open the door to him and saw him surrounded by a group of men who had taken his bicycle away from him and were kicking and punching him. One of them was using a lead pipe. I stood close to my husband to protect one side of him. We were pushed and kicked until we arrived almost in front of the Rathaus. Suddenly Herr Bottler appeared and stated my husband was under arrest. My husband was bleeding at the nose and from the mouth."

Help distribute 500,000 edition of Dimitroff's pamphlet, "Working Class Unity—Bulwark Against Fascism". Price 5 cents.

Denver Congress
Plans Fight on
War and Fascism40 ORGANIZATIONS JOIN
IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN
CONFERENCE

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 14.—"Unless we fight now against imperialism and Fascism we shall not be keeping faith with the signers of our Declaration of Independence and the principles for which they lived and fought," declared Paul M. Peterson, president of the Utah State Federation of Labor, speaking on "Labor's Stand Against War and Fascism" in the peace rally held in the Grace Community Church as a climax of the first day's session of the Rocky Mountain Conference Against War and Fascism. The Conference which continued through Monday night, was called under the auspices of the Denver Committee of the American League Against War and Fascism.

Clifford Noxon, member of the State Executive Committee of the Colorado State Federation of Labor, and also a delegate to the 35th Convention of the A. F. of L. and the Social Security Conference, described the barbarities of a fascist regime as it applies to the trade union movement and declared:

Trade Union Sentiments.

"In your splendid conference here in Denver you are expressing the same sentiments as those of the vast membership of our great trade union movement of the American Federation of Labor."

Bert Leech, West Coast organizer of the Amer. League Against War and Fascism, appealed to all trade unionists, workers of every sort, and honest and liberal-minded people, to begin an organized fight now in order to prevent an imperialist war now and the further development of Fascism.

The 40 organizations represented at the Conference by 80 delegates include: Garment Workers' Local No. 138, Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, Delivery Drivers and Helpers' Union, Denver Pressmen, P. A. U., No. 40, Bakers'

AFL COMMITTEE
ON NEGRO UNION
ISSUE A FAKEMEMBER RESIGNS AFTER
ACCUSING GREEN OF
BLOCKING REPORT

WASHINGTON.—(FP)—Charging that the work of the American Federation of Labor committee on the Negro problem has been sabotaged and that its recommendations have been suppressed, John Brophy, secretary of the committee, has handed in his resignation to Pres. Wm. Green of the Federation.

Brophy's action reflects the sharp dissatisfaction with the executive council's handling of the issue of discrimination against Negroes in trade unions, which was expressed in the closing hours of the A. F. of L. convention at Atlantic City by Pres. A. Philip Randolph of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

The committee of five to investigate conditions of Negro workers was appointed by Green under instructions of the San Francisco convention. Besides Brophy, who is a representative of the United Mine Workers, it has included John E. Rooney of the plasterers, chairman; John W. Garvey of the hod carriers; T. C. Carroll of the maintenance of way men, and Jerry L. Hanks of the barbers.

Brophy declares that the San Francisco motion provided that his committee "report to the next convention." Green and the executive council, he says, "denied us the right to so report to the 35th annual convention held recently in Atlantic City. Even our formal recommendations to the convention were suppressed in the supplemental report of the executive council on this subject."

"The maneuvering on the part of the executive council plainly indicated that you wanted the 'Committee of Five to Investigate Conditions of the Colored Workers' to be merely a face-saving device for the American Federation of Labor, rather than an honest attempt to find a solution of the Negro problem in the American labor movement," Brophy charges in his letter of resignation.

Union No. 26, Denver Typographical Union No. 49, Socialist Party, Constitutional Equity League, Spanish League, Rock Springs, Wyo., Methodist Episcopal Church, International Labor Defense, Wesley Foundation of the University of Colorado, National Executive Committee of the American League Against War and Fascism, Adelphi of the University of Colorado, Student YWCA of Denver University, League for Industrial Democracy, Russian Mutual Aid Society, John Reed Club, New America, Y.C.L., Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Gallup Defense Committee of Santa Fe, N. M., Public Works League, Communist Party, and others.

EAST OF THE
RockiesHearst Fake Bared
Negro Poverty
Olympic Boycott
Pickets Arrested

MILWAUKEE.—Positive evidence that Hearst knew the alleged "Red Plot" in the Milwaukee dynamiting by a demented youth, was a complete forgery, has come into the hands of the Daily Worker. When the bombing occurred, E. P. Mahoney, editor of the Hearst Wisconsin News, sent a private wire to Hearst, saying:

"Please be very careful not to say that the bombing in Milwaukee are the result of a Communist plot, there is no evidence to support any such assertion."

The mother of Idzy Rutkowski, the youth who was blown up by his own bomb, is quoted as saying, "Idzy was an enthusiastic supporter of President Roosevelt."

AUSTIN, Tex.—The end of direct relief, set for Nov. 15, will leave approximately half the Negroes in Texas dependent upon the mercies of local community chests, since it coincides with the end of the cotton-picking season.

Cotton reduction programs have had the effect of driving a large portion of the Negro population from land they worked as tenants, the white owners being paid to allow the land to lie idle.

CLEVELAND.—Jesse Owens, famous Negro track star at the Ohio State University, has been threatened by his track coach that if he dare to speak in favor of boycotting the 1936 Olympic Games at Berlin he will land "at the bottom of an ashcan."

Owens, one of the world's great track stars, made the statement over radio station WLW at Cincinnati, "If there is discrimination against minorities in Germany, then the Olympics must be withdrawn."

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—(FP)—"The strikers will be lucky to be alive when I get through with them," Police Capt. Falconer was heard to mutter as he left the court room where picketing charges against 10 members and sympathizers of the Department Store Employees Union were continued for a week. The union is conducting a strike for increased wages and better conditions for shop girls and other employees at May's Department Store in Brooklyn.

Josephine Wertheim, niece of Sec. of Treasury Morgenthau and a member of the League of Women Shoppers, which is supporting the strike, was among those arrested and hauled off to Falconer's precinct station. The police captain refused to arrest one of his cops who brutally beat a picket.

The Western Worker can be obtained at news stands. If your news dealer does not have it, ask him to stock it.

Seventh World Congress and the United Front

By WM. SCHNEIDERMAN
Article 2.

"Fascism is the open terrorist dictatorship of the most reactionary, most chauvinist, and most imperialist elements of finance capital," says the Communist International. It is the means by which the ruling class in the capitalist countries strives to maintain its rule, when it is no longer possible, under the conditions of the capitalist crisis, to rule in the old way, with "democratic" methods. Finance-capital needs fascism in order to place the entire burden of the crisis on the shoulders of the masses, it attempts to solve the problem of finding markets by attacking and enslaving weaker nations and grabbing colonies. It is the main driving force toward imperialist war, and is preparing to attack the Soviet Union. And in order to carry through these plans it is directed mainly to the task of destroying the entire working-class movement and especially its most advanced section, the Communist Party; it aims to suppress the trade unions and every liberal and progressive force in the nation.

Fascist Demagogy.

But the class character of Fascism is hidden behind the most dangerous demagogy, in order to establish a mass basis for itself, particularly among the middle class.

In Germany, where the working class has strong socialist and revolutionary traditions, Fascism calls itself the "National Socialist Workers Party" and describes its coming to power as the "National Socialist revolution," accompanied by demagogues against bankers and monopolies, in order to hide the close connection between finance capital and its fascist agents.

In Italy Fascism describes itself as the "corporate state," pretending to be above classes, and ruling "impartially" for the benefit of all.

In America, the semi-fascist propaganda of the late Huey Long was carried on under the demagogic slogan of "Share the wealth."

It is by such means that the fascists are able to deceive the despairing middle class elements who are being driven to the wall by monopoly capital, and even to mislead some of the backward sections of the working class. They appeal to all prejudices, national feelings, and the disillusionment of the masses with the capitalist government and its policies. But behind this disguise, the real character of fascism still remains, the most serious attack of capital on

the toiling masses," in the words of Dimitroff.

It is especially dangerous in its ability to adapt itself to the specific conditions of each country. It would be a serious mistake to underestimate the danger of fascism with the false hope that it cannot be victorious in America. Such a mistake was made by many Socialist workers and their leaders in Germany, and even by some Communists, who thought: "Germany is not Italy; fascism cannot win here." Such a tendency also exists among many American workers, including Communists, who think that Fascism cannot be victorious in America, that it is a "foreign importation."

Fascists and Democracy.

In the United States, the fascist elements parade under the banner: "Against Communism, Against Fascism, For Democracy and the Constitution." They attack Communism, because they see in the Communist Party the chief enemy of fascism. They speak against Fascism, because the experiences of Germany and Austria have taught certain lessons to the American workers, and has done much to discredit fascism in the eyes of the working class and some sections of the petty-bourgeoisie.

The fascist elements in Ameri-

ca speak for democracy, because of the deep-rooted democratic traditions of the American people, but the agents of capital who are driving toward fascism are out to destroy every democratic right that still remains for the masses; these reactionaries will defend only one right, to be free to rule and exploit the masses without hindrance.

They "defend" the Constitution for the same reason; they defend that section of it which makes it easier for them to strengthen the rule of big capital, but they scrap that section of the Constitution which is interpreted by the masses as granting them certain democratic liberties.

It is because the fascist elements are thus able to hide their real program under a cover of popular-sounding slogans, that it is especially dangerous to underestimate the advancing threat of fascist reaction in the United States.

Fascism Not Inevitable.

The 7th World Congress of the Communist International issued a warning against such underestimation. A second example of such tendencies are: to have a fatalistic view that Fascism is inevitable, it is coming anyway, why fight against it? Such a dan-

gerous view would prevent the mobilization of the masses to fight against the advance of fascism.

Another such tendency is to brand every tendency in the direction of fascism, every reactionary move, as complete fascism. In Germany, for example, some comrades branded the Bruening and Papen governments which came before Hitler, and which prepared the way for Hitler, as fascist dictatorship, thus weakening the fight against Hitler's coming to power and his establishing a real fascist dictatorship.

In America we would make the same mistake if we branded Roosevelt and his policies as fascist. The real fascist threat comes from the reactionary circles of the Republican Party old guard, the American Liberty League, the Hearsts and Coughlins.

They attack Roosevelt's policies because they want to speed up the drive toward fascism. This does not mean that Roosevelt and the New Deal is an obstacle to fascism; on the contrary, the New Deal served the purposes of finance-capital and helped encourage the process toward fascism. The attack on the Roosevelt policies by the most reactionary forces are based on the belief of some sections of the ruling class that the time has come for a stronger

offensive against the working class, a sharper attack on its living standards, and for still higher profits. It is these reactionary forces that represent the main fascist danger. At the same time, we must make clear to the masses that Roosevelt and his policies are no hindrance and no guarantee against the victory of reaction, any more than the Social-Democratic policy of supporting the "lesser evil" capitalist government in Germany prevented Hitler from coming to power. On the contrary, such a view of Roosevelt would only disarm the masses in the fight against reaction as it did in Germany, because it would overlook the fact that the New Deal has prepared the groundwork and laid the basis for the advance of fascism.

The only guarantee for the defeat of the capitalist offensive lies in the united strength of the working class, in the rallying of the masses to independent action in defense of their economic and political interests and their democratic liberties. The Seventh World Congress devoted its main attention to the question of how to defeat fascism by this means of building the united anti-fascist front.

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Rip Tides

By LaMae

The Ship Scalers won their fight with the employers on the economic field . . . but five members of the union still must face the capitalist courts on framed-up charges ranging from "assault to commit great bodily harm," to "first degree murder" . . . the courts are political, their activities are in the political field . . . and yet the old line A. F. of L. reactionaries still maintain the trade unions have nothing in common with politics.

Nine maritime workers are in San Quentin and Folsom because they worked against the "best interests" of the Standard Oil and the employers in general . . . but still some good trade unionists, along with the reactionaries, shout about "keeping the unions out of politics."

But Ed Vandeleur and his gang can endorse Little Fink Rossi, the man behind the 1934 strike murders . . . and until the trade unions get into the political field, organize as strongly there as they are doing in the economic field, the battle for better conditions will be but half won . . . and our gain will be always insecure.

Harry Donlan, longshoreman doing time in San Quentin because of his working class activities during the Maritime and General Strike last year, says it looks as if his brother unionists are beginning to forget him . . . says he hasn't had a visitor for the last five months . . . and damned few letters . . . what about it, you I. L. A. men?

Reports continue to come in telling how the crew of this ship or that ship struck in some foreign port . . . refusing to carry munitions and other war materials to Mussolini for use against the Ethiopians . . . French Communist and Socialist dock workers, and that includes an overwhelming majority of all French longshoremen, are working hand in hand to boycott Italian ships and war materials.

American shipowners are piling up profits on shipment of war materials to Mussolini . . . particularly on the Atlantic Coast and in the Gulf . . . but Gulf shipowners refuse to recognize the I. L. A. . . . and continue to hire scabs at what starvation wage no one seems to know.

The spectacle of the shipowners refusing to grant the Gulf longshoremen the right of collective bargaining . . . when the same shipowners operate on the West Coast under agreements with the I. L. A. and no other longshore union, would be ridiculous, but for the fact that the class war is taking workers' lives in the Gulf.

The "San Francisco Chronicle" which admits no love for Harry Bridges nor any other rank and file trade union leader, still maintains it can "report" all the news "without bias" . . . and less than a week later comes out with an editorial in which it exhorts the maritime workers to forget all about basic trade-union principles . . . and become strikebreakers on the basis of a so-called "contract" which even now shipowners, with the aid of the U. S. Government, are taking steps to smash.

Watching the "Labor News" column of a certain San Francisco daily newspaper, we learn that Scharrenberg has at least two speaking engagements a week . . . now before some women's club in the East Bay . . . again, before some high school meeting down the Peninsula . . . and always talking about "Americanism" or "Good Citizenship" . . . but never telling the story of how the good Americans of the I.S.U. booted him out of the union.

There's nothing wrong with being a good American . . . it's a good, healthy feeling, this feeling of affection for your homeland . . . but when a few slimy, privileged big shots lay claim to all American traditions . . . traditions built and guarded by the American people, workers, farmers, professionals . . . and attempt to twist these traditions to serve their own supremely selfish interests for the sake of a few lousy dollars, a gardenia in the lapel and a ten-room apartment . . . it's time to begin organizing to put these miserable hypocrites on the beach forever.

Circulate the Western Worker in your union and fraternal organizations.

JAPANESE CALLS FOR UNITY OF WORKERS TO PREVENT WAR

Kanju Kato Appeals For International Solidarity

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—That organized labor of Japan and America is the only force that can maintain peace between the two nations is the declaration of Kanju Kato, chairman of the National Council of Trade Unions in Japan, in a letter to a San Francisco trade unionist.

From Tokyo Mr. Kato addressed his letter to the local laborite, expressing his gratitude at the courtesies extended him during his good-will speaking tour of this country last summer. The letter follows:

11, Nichome, Hamamatsu-cho, Shiba-ky, Tokyo, Japan, September 28, 1935.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

On my return home from the trip to America, as a labor delegate, I should like to express my appreciations to you and to your organization who had shown me courtesies, giving me every possible assistance to make my trip fruitful.

I feel sure that I have learned much of the situation of labor as well as general problems of your country which was a great enlightenment to me. I confirmed my conviction that there is no other way to establish peace except on the foundation of mutual understandings of the toiling masses of every nation to build a concrete solidarity of workers with class consciousness and sympathies. I shall be happy if I had been able to contribute something to you on this point.

We are now enthusiastic in holding meetings to give report of my trip to our workers, and we are glad to inform you how eager they are to enlarge the organ of the Society for Friendly Relations of American and Japanese Workers. We shall endeavor to realize the purpose, asking your support by sending your bulletins and pamphlets, time to time, to keep a close contact with you and your organization.

With all good wishes and sincere greetings to you and your organization.

I remain,
Yours fraternally,
Kanju Kato, chairman,
The National Council of Trade Unions in Japan.

HOLLYWOOD HAS NOTHING TO SAY AVERS SPEAKER

LATE FILM IS \$800,000 WORTH OF WHAT?

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 11.—"Movies are escape—they create nothing. They're like college football—and less exciting."

Thus did Irving Pichel, noted stage and screen actor, explain the "contradiction" in the title of his speech, "The Talking Pictures Remain Silent," before 300 workers in the Cultural Center here last night.

Pichel gave a humorous interpretation of the "super-film" recently released as "The Last Days of Pompeii."

"Whatever the social implications of this drama are," he said, "they are all wiped out when Vesuvius splatters ashes and lava all over everything. That's the way the movies get out of solving or explaining any social movement—just have something occur like an eruption of Vesuvius."

"It cost \$800,000 to make this film. That's \$800,000 worth of what?"

Pichel derided Hearst's present fascist drive against foreign-born workers.

"I think I'll become a charter member of a new club," he said, "the Help-Willie-Pack Club."

The Rebel Players presented their popular dramatic skit, "Newsboy."

Right-Wingers Would Expel Norm. Thomas

NEW YORK.—(FP)—Norman Thomas, outstanding Socialist leader, faces expulsion from the party whose presidential ticket he headed in 1932 if right-wing New York Socialists have their way. Objections have been made by them to Thomas' coming debate with Earl Browder, Communist head, in New York's Madison Square Garden, and charges have been brought against him by the city executive committee. But backed by a favorable vote of the national executive committee, Thomas has announced that he will go through with his debate plans.

The U. S. Army On Democracy

The following definition appears in the "Manual on Citizenship" prepared by the United States Department as a guide to military instructors:

"DEMOCRACY:—a government of the masses. Authority derived through mass meeting or any other form of 'direct' expression. Results in mobocracy. Attitude toward property is communistic—negating property rights. Attitude toward law is that the will of the majority shall regulate, whether it is based upon deliberation or ungoverned passion, prejudice and impulse, without restraint, or regard to consequences. Results in demagogism, license, agitation, discontent, anarchy."

PRINTER WON'T TAKE SERA PICK AND SHOVEL JOB

OBJECTS TO RUN-AROUND BY RELIEF OFFICIALS

By a Worker Correspondent.

SAN DIEGO.—I have been a union printer for 20 years. I am lucky if I get a day's job once in two weeks. I went on the SERA over a year ago, applying for work in my trade. I was told that I might have a long wait and was advised to take ordinary labor till something showed up. I did this, and after a year realized that they had no intention of ever putting me to work at my trade.

A printer must necessarily have a delicate sense of feel which he loses if forced to work at pick and shovel, making his hands hard and calloused. He doesn't know whether he is feeding one sheet or a dozen into the press, and he also develops an entirely different set of muscles. I have a couple weeks' work coming this Christmas season which I would lose if I toughened my hands again, and yet I am now called to work on the WPA as common laborer. This I am accordingly refusing, as Roosevelt said that no man would be forced out of his trade. I have no intention of throwing up my trade for a slave wage that is mighty precarious.

Upon taking this up with relief officials in San Diego through the cooperation of the Grievance Committee of the Unemployed Workers' Protective Union, I am told that there is absolutely no way out for me except to take the laborer's job. The Unemployed Union has demanded that I be put on a WPA job as a mimeographer.

War Vets Bring Up Rear of Armistice Day Parade in L. A.

By a Veteran.

LOS ANGELES.—The capitalist state hasn't much use for its worn out cannon fodder, so the combat heroes of the World War brought up the tail-end of the Armistice Day parade here, as usual.

Rank and file veterans who still like their glorification were denied even this, though their leaders had promised that the cadets and other semimilitary organizations would at least have to relinquish their precedence to the Combat Divisions Associations.

When a few disgruntled War Vets voiced their complaints at being stuck on the tail-end of this year's parade, a functionary of the "Rainbow Division Association" stomped around and swore that if he had had his car along "he would have stopped the parade and rectified this mistake."

But he didn't.

Industrial Unions Gain in Membership

NEW YORK.—(FP)—If the present membership trend in the American Federation of Labor continues, industrial unionists will control the federation in the next few years, Vice President Julius Hochman of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union predicts in the Nov. 6 issue of The Nation. In the last two years, Hochman points out, 65 per cent of the new members have joined industrial unions, 22 per cent craft unions, and 13 per cent local trade and federal unions. In the same period 31 industrial unions have increased their membership 75 per cent.

Waiting for Nothing



BY BEAU VINCENT

TOO PROUD FOR A RELIEF BOX

A True Story—By a Worker Correspondent.
A 100 PERCENTER HITS BOTTOM

At a house in a middle class residential section of a California city, a woman placed a box on the threshold. Its contents were: 1 lb. of coffee (Kil-Dad), 2 lbs. of sugar, 10 lbs. of flour (low grade), one can of peas (No. 3), a small piece of pork (fat back), a few assorted vegetables (wilted). She rapped sharply on the door.

An aged householder answered the call.

"Are you Mister Heine Kabodler?" inquired the woman in a business-like tone of voice.

"Yes, ma'am, I'm him," replied Heine, dubiously eyeing the small box at his feet.

"I'm the charity investigator," she announced importantly.

"You are . . . Eh?" grunted Heine, gazing at her suspiciously.

"We've received a report that you are in need, so I've brought you a box of groceries." With a benevolent gesture, she added, "It contains supplies for one month."

"I don't want your damn charity," Heine roared angrily. "Your charity outfit is nothin' but a bunch o' grafters."

The woman stood speechless.

Heine savagely kicked the box with his foot. "Take that stuff away from here!" he shouted with unabated anger.

Regaining her voice, the investigator snapped, "Well . . . if that is the way you feel about it, I can easily do that, furthermore, I don't hafta take abuse from you."

Heine drew himself up to his full height and explained proudly, "I'm a hundred per cent American. I never have and never will accept charity from anyone."

"It's too bad about you," returned the investigator sarcastically.

Heine mumbled optimistically, "Doctor Townsend will take care of all us old people soon—he controls millions of votes and—"

The investigator cut his discourse short, "I've no time to discuss Townsend or any other rabble rouser, Good-bay!"

By his independent attitude, the investigator assumed that Heine has some source of income, and repeated the interview back to a business man who had reported Heine's case.

He in turn repeats the story to this writer: "My perverse friend, Heine Kabodler (fictitious name) is an ex-business man, wiped out by the economic crisis . . . Like many others of his kind, he has the illusion that Doctor Townsend or some other demagogue will cure the nation of its economic ills. Meantime, while waiting for some idiotic plan to materialize Heine has asked me for small loans. Consequently I've been begged to death; I'm unable to assist him further. In fact, I'm on the verge of bankruptcy myself, so unbeknownst to Heine, I telephoned his name and address to the Bureau of Charities for investigation as a needy case."

He commented further: "In this district, I know of a few more

Union Organized on Oakland Tunnel Job

MOTHER JAILED FOR PROTESTING EVICTION MOVE

WOMAN FORCED OFF SERA CAN'T PAY RENT OUT OF CANNERY WAGES

By a Worker Correspondent.

STOCKTON, Calif.—On the morning of Nov. 6, Allen Hicks, a deputy sheriff, with two assistants, appeared at the home of Mrs. Lela Self with an eviction notice. Without any ceremony they began throwing belongings into the street. Mrs. Self objected to having herself and two small children evicted (she has no husband), whereat Hicks manhandled her severely and then jailed her on charges of "resisting an officer."

Mrs. Self, who was on SERA, was thrown off relief two months ago and ordered to go to work in the cannery. It was impossible for her to make enough wages to feed the children and also pay the rent and she fell six weeks in arrears.

When the landlord demanded his money she offered to pay half a month, until she could get a relief check again when she would pay him the balance. He refused, demanding all or nothing.

When Mrs. Self was arraigned in court she pleaded not guilty and demanded a jury trial. Bail was set at \$500 and date for the trial was set for Nov. 20.

The International Labor Defense, which is handling her case, appeals to all citizens of Stockton to protest to Sheriff Odell of San Joaquin County at the brutality of his men in evicting a defenseless woman. The I.L.D. further urges that all workers and friends of labor crowd the court room when Mrs. Self goes to trial.

Small Potato Growers Oppose Crop Control Act

SAN DIEGO PRODUCE MEN PREDICT SKY-HIGH PRICES

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Nov. 14.—San Diego county spud growers are not cooperating with the potato-control law which was enacted by the recent session of Congress. According to representatives of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, less than 10 per cent of the 300-odd spud growers in this county have made application for allotments for potato sales in 1936.

The consensus of opinion in agricultural circles here, even in the office of the farm advisor, is that this law is about the most unpopular of the New Deal aggregation. Some say that it was put over by the huge potato growing combines of Idaho, the Carolinas and Maine.

Hits Small Grower.

Inside information has it that a nation-wide referendum on the spud-restriction act is to be taken soon. The act provides that "if a majority of the commercial growers, as determined by a referendum in any crop year, do not favor the imposition of a tax, the tax shall not be imposed." San Diego growers are almost unanimously opposed to a tax.

The potato restriction act does not effect home-growers, but it forbids any grower without an allotment to sell more than five bushels without paying a federal tax of 3-4c a pound. This is to the direct benefit of the large growers. The small growers are fighting the law because they are the ones who are going to be badly hit.

Most of Southern California's winter and early spring spuds are produced in San Diego county. At the low prices of the past several years, the potato crop of the county has brought in some \$500,000. There is an average of 1700 acres planted to spuds.

Prices Will Skyrocket.

Local produce men predict that if the potato control act stands and is enforced the price of spuds will shoot sky-high.

But even now, while the law has not yet gone into effect, the price of spuds is ballooning. Wholesale quotations last week were \$1.90 for Burbanks; California Deltas at

NOTORIOUS COMPANIES FACE STRUGGLE

Successful Meeting LESS THAN GOV'T WAGE PAID ON PROJECT

By a Worker Correspondent.

OAKLAND, Cal., Nov. 14.—The workers in the Broadway low-level tunnel here have at last taken steps to combat their employers, the Six Companies.

At a meeting held in Carpenters Hall last Sunday, Nov. 10th, approximately 40 tunnel employees resolved to form a union and fight for better working conditions and a higher rate of pay. Only two among those present failed to sign up. A charter is being applied for through the National Office of the Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers' Union, an A. F. of L. affiliate.

The first meeting to form this union was called three weeks ago, when slips of paper were passed secretly from hand to hand on the job. A meeting was called for Sunday, Nov. 3. Only ten workers showed up at this meeting, but they were determined to organize. It was decided to call another meeting the following Sunday.

Boss' Threats.

One of two persons who have been instrumental in getting this union started, caught the afternoon shifts at the tunnel and distributed leaflets calling for the meeting. He was accosted by the general superintendent, Mr. Rankin, who threatened him with bodily harm unless he left the property. It is surmised that a lot of the leaflets which were placed in the workers' automobiles were picked up and destroyed, under Rankin's orders.

At the meeting last Sunday it was stated that miners are only being paid 75 cents an hour, when the prescribed Government rate is \$1.10 to \$1.46 an hour.

The sudden laying off of men at the tunnel was also discussed. Although several reasons for this sudden lay-off were suggested, it was felt by those present at the meeting that the real reason was to keep the men from organizing.

Grievances Named.

Several of the main grievances which this new union intends fighting against in the immediate future were embodied in the leaflets which were distributed at the tunnel recently. The leaflet said, in part:

"Through organization the speed-up and negligence that causes the daily accidents and the killing of our fellow workers by cave-ins can be stopped. Through organization the time-checking system can be changed. Through organization the management can be compelled to provide suitable and adequate change rooms and lockers, thus stopping our catching colds by going home in wet clothing. Through organization skilled labor will receive from \$1.10 to \$1.46 an hour."

All tunnel workers are invited to come to the next meeting, which will be held at Carpenters' Hall, Sunday afternoon, at 2 p.m.

San Diego Jobless Union Affiliates With State Group

By a Worker Correspondent.

SAN DIEGO.—Local No. 1 of the Unemployed Workers' Protective Union, the largest local in San Diego has voted unanimously to affiliate with the State Federation of Unemployed and Allied Organizations. The constitution of the State Federation was read and completely approved.

The local elected a committee to serve as the nucleus of a mass committee of union delegates to inspect the county labor camps. The unemployed committee will seek to enlist the aid of the American Youth Congress in this labor camp survey.

The balance of the evening was devoted to a discussion of the impending WPA strike which is expected to take place here within two or three weeks.

\$1.70; and Oregon Klamath Gems at \$2.10 per hundredweight. Idaho Russets usually command a 5 to 10 cent premium over Burbanks, otherwise they are not quoted.

The potato-control law will go into effect Dec. 1, and the control for a crop year ends 12 months later.

WHERE TO GO

ORGANIZATIONS! Get big crowds to your affairs. Advertise them here. Low rates—7c a line, in advance.

— San Francisco —
SEE "WAITING FOR LEFTY", November 15, 16, 17, at 960 Bush Street, Curtain 8:40 p. m.

DANCE - 779 Vallejo Street, Nov. 17, 8 p. m. Benefit Political Prisoners. Sponsored by Music Club and I.L.D. Admission 15c.

FOUND—At Nov. 7 meeting, Scottish Rite Auditorium, bill fold containing Odd Fellow card. Call Western Worker office, 121 Haight street.

HOME COOKED SUNDAY Dinner, 2 p. m. to 8 p. m., 945 Golden Gate ave., Apt. 19, Sunday, Nov. 17. Benefit Western Worker. 35 Cents.

KEEP THIS DATE OPEN—Christmas Eve, a 779 Vallejo Affair. Dance, Entertainment, Games. Admission 15c. Benefit: Christmas Relief for Political Prisoners.

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I. L. D. CONCERT, Saturday, Nov. 30, at Mason Opera House. Notice: No other affair should be arranged on that date.

FOURTH ANNUAL WESTERN WORKER PRESS BAZAAR, Weekend of Dec. 13-14-15, Los Angeles Cultural Center, 230 So. Spring street.

CELEBRATE SOVIET 18TH Anniversary with Friends of Soviet Union, November 28th, Sons of Herman Hall, 120 E. 25th st., Los Angeles.

SAT, DEC. 28TH WILL BE the Japan Night (Kodo Shimbun). Watch further announcements.

AND THIS IS A GOOD ARGUMENT FOR COMMUNISM

THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM IN FOUL DECAY

By Federated Press.

WHEELING, W. Va., Nov. 13.—"Professional and intellectual honesty demand that you tell your pupils that 70 per cent of our people must live below the standard of decency; that nearly half of the national wealth is concentrated in the hands of less than 2 per cent of the population; that millions now unemployed will never find jobs again; that their chances of gaining economic freedom are stacked four to one against them," Aubrey W. Williams, National Youth Administration director, told West Virginia teachers at their convention in Wheeling.

"We know that a vast, overwhelming majority of the children born in the last 25 years, will never rise above a hand-to-mouth existence; that all their steps from the cradle to the grave will be dogged by poverty, sickness and insecurity," he added.

Sales Tax Burden

SAN FRANCISCO.—(FP)—The sales tax which the California Chamber of Commerce helped foist on the workers is responsible for half of a 2.8 per cent increase in the cost of living, a survey by the same organization, says.

MORE WORKERS, MORE PAY

MOSCOW.—During the first six months of this year the number of workers in industry in the Soviet Union increased approximately six per cent. Payrolls during the same period increased 27 per cent, although prices fell during the same period.

MOVIE REVIEWS

Moscow Laughs—And It's About the Only Country Today That Can Without Sounding Hysterical

By Michael Quin.

"MOSCOW LAUGHS"—Soviet Film now playing at the Clay International in San Francisco.

If you think Soviet Russia is all pumpernickel bread and cabbage soup and bearded men cruising up and down in tractors, you ought to see this picture. It isn't any masterpiece and it isn't intended to be. It is an evening's entertainment. It will hand you a lot of laughs and at the same time contains a lot that will bewilder people who don't know very clearly what is going on in Russia.

It is a musical comedy patterned very much on the ones screened in Hollywood. But it is interesting to see what happens when a workers' society takes over all the entertainment paraphernalia of the bourgeois world and uses it for its own pleasure.

The comedy element in it is based on the farce created by the diehard elements of the old society trying to maintain their snobbish standards in the new world. This in itself will be confusing to readers of Hearst who have been taught that all the snobs were either murdered or put to work in the salt mines when the Soviets took power. The truth is, they were merely spanked, their guns taken away from them, and they were left to strut around and make damned fools of themselves, as this picture shows very clearly.

It will be a pretty confusing picture to the average American audience because they will have no key as to what status in society the various characters occupy. All the standards they have been accustomed to are removed. The only familiar element is the slapstick comedy and the queer antics of the snobs. But the background

will be as unintelligible as Mars. Men and women still clinging to the last thin remnants of private commercial enterprise are all mixed in with characters from collectives and social projects.

As a matter of fact, it is just what a lot of critics have been asking for: a picture without any propaganda or educating. That's what they asked for and now, that's what they've got. It's good enough for them. Let them try to figure it out.

Giant symphony orchestras are seen in the hands of workers as well as modern jazz bands. In this picture, the Soviets kid the pompous bourgeois die-hards and also kid their own clumsiness with confident good humor. The elements of the old society which still rear their heads among them are no longer of the slightest danger or worry. The new society is firmly and capably established.

Moscow laughs, and why shouldn't it? It's about the only country in the world that can today and not sound hysterical. They've shaken off capitalism like a bad dream and the world they live in and work in belongs to them. There isn't any unemployment. Nobody's wondering where their next meal is coming from. Everybody has a chance to do the things they want to do.

Hearst wouldn't like it much. But you who sweat out your whole lives trying to make half enough to pay twice too many bills ought to study it a little.

In our own way of saying it, the Russian workers got wise and discovered the answer to the age-old problem "how to make ends meet." They took hold of both ends instead of just holding onto the short end and running around in a circle.

Some day America will laugh, too.

Travellers in North Caucasus Find Hospitality of a Marvellous Sort

ACHIEVEMENTS IN SOVIET LAND

WHERE TRAVELERS REST.

It is a long and dusty road from Nalchik to Pyatigorsk in North Caucasus, whether the traveler covers the distance on foot, by horse or in a car. A molten sun beats mercilessly on the head of the weary traveler, dust fills his mouth, his parched lips thirst for water. Oh, for a cool spot to rest, for a juicy watermelon in which to plunge your mouth!

Suddenly the wayfarer comes to a wooden signboard by the side of the road with the following words on it:

WE INVITE YOU TO REST HERE—FREE WATERMELONS FOR TRAVELERS—KOLKHOZ "PAWN OF SOCIALISM".

Painted Pavilion.

A little way off, he notices a brightly painted pavilion roofed with tile. Inside is a wash basin, close by a towel and soap. The middle of the room is filled with tables, upon each of which is to be found plates, tableware and—the traveler's mouth waters—large, juicy watermelons! He peeps into the inside rooms and sees several beds covered with fresh linen.

"Why don't you wash up and eat?" asks a collective farmer, walking into the pavilion.

The traveler washes himself, sits down, devours half a watermelon, and leans back with a sigh of satisfaction.

Money Refused.

"Go and lie down for a while. You look tired," says the collective farmer, leading him into one of the side rooms.

An hour or two later the wayfarer, energized, refreshed and happy, a new man, in fact. He offers money to the attendant, who becomes insulted and pushes his hand away.

"Didn't you read the sign? This is free of charge to all travelers who pass our kolkhos. We have sown an extra hectare of land with watermelons especially for this purpose. We hope you have had a pleasant rest and wish you a happy journey."

No, readers, this is not a glance into the future. The above takes place today many times daily on the 96 kilometer stretch between Pyatigorsk and Nalchik. On the 60 kilometer stretch which runs through the Kabardino-Balkaria Autonomous Region, one will find seven of these rest stations, situated from eight to ten kilometers apart.

Idea Spreads.

This idea of caring for way-

farers came from Betal Kalmikov, secretary of the Kabardino-Balkaria Party Committee.

Many of the collective farmers in the Kabardino-Balkaria Region not only heartily greeted the proposal, but went much further and even built rest pavilions for strangers passing their farms. Their enthusiasm has infected the Provincial Land Department, which is now sending architects to the farms to assist them in designing artistic rest pavilions.

—Moscow Daily News.

NEW ROUTE CONQUERED.

Two ships, the Vanzetti and the Iskra, entered the port of Petropavlovsk, Kamchatka, at noon, Sept. 8, bringing to a close their long Murmansk-to-Petropavlovsk cruise 16 days before schedule. As they steamed into the port with a huge banner bearing the words "ARCTIC GREETINGS TO KAMCHATKA" fluttering from their mast heads, all the vessels within sight greeted them with long blasts from their sirens.

While the two boats were still far from shore, thousands of workers gathered on the docks to greet the two Soviet ships. As the boats neared the shore, a voice from the fore-deck of one of the ships carried the following words to those on shore:

"THE NORTHERN SEA ROUTE MAY NOW BE CONSIDERED WORKING NORMALLY!"

The linking of the East and West of the Soviet Union through the Northern Sea Route is now a fact. The significance of this route may be seen from the following incident. On July 6, 18 days before the Iskra left Murmansk for Petropavlovsk, the ship Chavich, which is using the tropical route through the Suez Canal, has not yet arrived at its destination, despite its 18-day handicap over the Iskra.

—Moscow Daily News.

Canadian Depression

OTTAWA, Canada.—(FP)—Canadian business recovery propaganda is not borne out by official indexes of retail sales, which continue, as in the past two years, about 30 per cent below the 1930 level. As prices are increasing, this indicates that individual consumption is actually decreasing. Sales of meats and groceries make an especially bad showing.

Greetings, Tom Mooney to Thaelmann

A LETTER FROM SAN QUENTIN TO MOABIT PRISON—CARE OF I.L.D.

SAN FRANCISCO.—"There is nothing that I will not do to aid and further your immediate efforts to regain your freedom and restore you to the battle lines of the workers' struggles on the outside of the masters' dungeons," Tom Mooney writes from his cell in the county jail here to Ernst Thaelmann, the leader of the German workers who waits in Moabit prison for trial in a Nazi court.

The full text of Mooney's letter to Thaelmann follows:

"County Jail No. 1, San Francisco, California, October 28, 1935. Mr. Ernst Thaelmann, Berlin, Germany. Co. Anna Dannon, Acting Sec'y, International Labor Defense, 80 East 11th St., Room 610, New York City, N. Y.

"My dear Comrade Thaelmann: Your great struggle in behalf of the toilers of Germany and the entire world, has challenged the admiration of working classes of the entire universe. It commands and compels the respect of your class enemies. There is nothing that I might say, in a single word that I could utter, or a volume that I might write, that would begin, in any small measure, to do you justice for the great sacrifice that you are making to the cause for which you are one of its most outraged victims.

"My heart goes out to you in full measure of devotion and beats in unison with yours. We are co-sufferers for the common cause on two different sides of the world. We are proud brothers in the cause of the proletariat. There is nothing that I will not do to aid and further your immediate efforts to regain your freedom and restore you to the battle lines of the workers' struggles on the outside of the Masters' dungeons.

"At this very moment and for the past two months I have been carrying on in a hearing in one of the Masters' Courts (or an excuse for it) in my endeavor to try to convince the Masters class that I should have my freedom. This, as you know, is a very difficult task when you are doing this according to the rules laid down in that game by the class who need these rules for their own protection and preservation.

"I know that your struggle in Germany will be a far more difficult one than that of my own, for there there is no pretense of democracy, and they admit the absolute autocracy and deal with their foes as such. Here the same dictatorship obtains, but it is carefully camouflaged and concealed behind a decision that is very difficult.

Tom Mooney, 31921."

ON THE LABOR DEFENSE FRONT

Australian Miners Write Gov. Merriam In Behalf of Mooney and MacNamara

Daily, 1:30 p. m., Judge Lazarus' court: Attorney Gallagher, et al., continuation of case.

Daily, 10 a. m., Judge Robinson's court: Pablo Espinoza and Pete Garcia, continuation of case.

Nov. 17, 8 p. m., 779 Vallejo st.: Music club dance—political prisoners' benefit.

Nov. 22, 10 a. m., Judge Robinson's court: Anita Whitney, perjury.

Dec. 9, 10 a. m., Judge Jacks' court: Archie Brown, Julio Canales, Francisco Jimenez, Natalio Villi, murder.

manity, we demand their immediate release.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) A. L. Waymark, sec'y.

American working class organizations should likewise show their solidarity with the workers of other countries by sending protests in behalf of their political prisoners.

Following is a form night letter, which workers should send in behalf of Anita Whitney whose trial on charges of perjury is set for November 22:

"Superior Judge Elmer Robinson, Hall of Justice, San Francisco, Calif.

We (give names) demand dismissal charges against Anita Whitney stop this case obvious example persecution because of political beliefs and abuses spirit of election laws furthermore state has exhibited malicious animosity by charging perjury with penitentiary penalty instead specifically charging under law covering election irregularities.

SOVIET FARM MACHINERY.

MOSCOW.—(FP)—The Soviet Union's agricultural machine program is booming.

Preliminary figures show that total production of farm implements in 1936 will jump 75 per cent over the 1935 level. About twice as many combines and sowing machines will be made, bringing about the completion of the agricultural machine 5-year plan in four years.

Fight for unity of employed and unemployed organizations.

Ernst Thaelmann



Jailed in the summer of 1933, Ernst Thaelmann, leader of the German Communist Party, longshoreman from the docks of Hamburg, has lain in Moabit prison on the outskirts of Berlin for over two years. Hitler plans to try him in a special court. World protest has prevented the murder of Thaelmann so far and world protest must free him.

fiend for the average gullible and unthinking person to see.

"In that sense our fight is even more difficult than yours. I hope that the workers throughout the world will throw their full strength behind you in this present desperate struggle to disentangle you from the clutches of that hierarchic out-throat, Adolf Hitler, the boss henchman and executioner of the working class for the bourgeoisie of Germany. I will call upon the working class to withhold the hand of that cold-blooded murderer in his attempt to do you to death. I wish that I had my liberty so that I could be of greater service to you in your present desperate struggle against such terrific odds. I hope that you will fare as well as did your comrades-in-arm Dimitroff, Torgler and their companions in travail.

"My heart goes with you in full measure of devotion and I join the rest of the working class your profound, heartfelt thankful appreciation for what you have done and are continuing to do in your brave fight against a cold-blooded Master class.

"I send you warmest personal regard, and firm comradely proletarian greetings from this tomb of the living dead. I am yours with comradely affection.

Tom Mooney, 31921."

Books—Pamphlets IN REVIEW

The United Front Against War and Fascism; by Georgi Dimitroff. 62 pp; price 5 cents.

This is the third in the series of pamphlets dealing with Dimitroff's speeches at the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International, held in Moscow, U.S.S.R., July 25 to August 20, 1935. One half million copies of this pamphlet are to be printed and distributed.

This is an abridged edition of the three speeches made by Dimitroff. Repetitious matter has been eliminated and an index of topics discussed has been added. All matter dealing with the United States in particular has been included, such as the discussion of a Farmer-Labor party in the U. S. A., the danger of fascism in this country, and on strengthening the Communist Parties of the world.

Discussion outlines for units, already are in the hands of section and sub-section functionaries, based on the World Congress with particular emphasis on Dimitroff's speeches. An understanding of the present tasks facing the Party and the people in general in the fight against war and fascism is a basic need for every Party member. This pamphlet outlines this struggle and the forms it probably will take.

Simply phrased, it will be read by hundreds of thousands of non-Party members. It is our duty to get it to them. Copies and bundles can be obtained at 170 Golden Gate ave., S. F.; 230 So. Spring st., Los Angeles; 419 Twelfth st., Oakland, or at your local Workers' Book Shop.

Sinclair Lewis discovers the menace of fascism in his new novel, "It Can't Happen Here", (Doubleday, Doran), indicating the ugly possibilities, but neglecting to show the way of preventing them.

Required reading: Stalin: "A New World Seen Through One Man", by the late Henri Barbusse, and a Book Union Selection.

Watch for: "The Adventures of a Fakir", by Vsevolod Ivanov (Vanguard, 2.50 Nov.); "The Life of Karl Marx", by Franz Mehring (Opic-Friede, 3.75 Nov. 19); "A Footnote to Folly", reminiscences by Mary Horton Voss (Farrar & Rinehart, 3.00 Nov. 18); and "A Stone Came Rolling", by Fielding Burke (Longmans, 2.50 Nov. 29).

BUSINESS REBUKES THE PREACHERS

Nine business men there were who failed,
And one, whose rare success
A thousand thousand workers nailed
On crosses of distress.

Think you the nine who failed—the one
Who bought success so dear,
Learned anything when all was done?
Or had the ears to hear?

"Let us alone!" with one accord
They cried—the one—the nine.
As once the owners bade the Lord
When devils swept their swine.

—Robert Whitaker.

Los Gatos, California.

NOTE—The above lines, which I fear will hardly appear in the religious press (to which I have submitted copies), are based first of all on the fact that there is a very open movement of the business men in the churches to put a stopper on the social utterances of such of the preachers who are socially awake and courageous enough to speak out. The literary reference is to the story, told in three of the "Gospel" narratives, Matthew, chapter 8, Mark, chapter 5, and Luke, chapter 8, of how Jesus cast out "unclean spirits" from a certain man, whereupon they entered a drove of hogs near by, and the stampeded swine rushed over a steep cliff into the sea. Whereupon their owners asked Jesus to get out. They wanted a "gospel" that would not disturb property. Even so now.

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TWO ARGUMENTS ON TWO STAGES MAKE CONTRAST

ONE WINS RESPECT, THE OTHER CONTEMPT

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13.—

An interesting comparison is afforded local audiences by the performances playing at the United Artists Theater and the New Theater at 960 Bush street. The first is presenting "Red Salute", a propaganda film slandering rank and file student organizations and trying to delude the public into believing that students who organize against war and fascism are 'alien' agitators contriving the overthrow of the government.

The second is the stage play "Waiting for Lefty", by Clifford Odets, a powerful presentation of the rank and file struggle in the New York taxi drivers' union.

"Red Salute" is a piece of hypocrisy so rank that even the movie reviewers of capitalist papers and magazines could not stomach it and are describing it as "a caricature of Americanism."

"Waiting for Lefty" is a play so forceful in its integrity that even the bourgeois drama critics were obliged to unbend and hail it as one of the most significant contributions to the modern American stage.

"Red Salute" merits and has won the contempt of men whose political opinions make them want to praise it. "Waiting for Lefty" merits and has won the respect of critics whose every instinct is shaped to prejudice them against it.

Sterilization Used To Eliminate Poles To Smash Unions

WARSAW, Poland.—The paper "Polonia", organ of the Christian Democrats, has made the charge that Nazis are using compulsory sterilization to exterminate the Polish minority in Silesia, under the pretext of "feeble-mindedness."

The case is cited of a Pole who applied to the social insurance doctor for a quart of milk daily for his child. The doctor at once tested the "mental capacity" of the applicant, asking him to name all the capitals and watering places of the world. Other unemployed are asked such questions as: When was Napoleon born? Are there people on Mars? How will Mars affect the future of nations? and so on.

Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN, E. BISSELL, M. D.

TUBERCULOSIS IN CATTLE

A veterinarian writes us concerning our article on slaughtering of tuberculosis cattle. Due to its length we can print only its more important paragraphs:

N. Hollywood, Calif.

Western Worker.

Dear Comrades: The slaughtering of TB reactors (cattle with tuberculosis) has been going on since before the 1920's and its purpose is simply for the quick elimination of reactors and not for the promoting of any scarcity, as Dr. Bissell's opening paragraph insinuates.

True enough, bovine tuberculosis is dangerous only to infants and small children through infected milk and where pasteurization is carried out it is not a problem, unless you might consider it 'dirty' milk. The meat problem alone justifies eradication of the animals. In California you are fortunate in having a state-wide meat inspection service that takes up nearly all the loose counties that the Federal Government does not touch, hence TB is not a problem.

But California is the only state in the Union that has a state-wide meat inspection service; other states leave the problem up to cities, counties, etc., and many of them are inspection services in name only.

Diseased meat is tanked. The packer takes the temporary loss and in turn passes it on to the farmer, either not paying for the carcass or deducting the equivalent in the next purchase. In the case of TB reactors, the government stands the greater part of the loss if none of the carcass is salvaged.

It is naturally to the farmer's advantage to have his herd cleaned up because that means that there will be that much less disease, more profit to him in selling his cattle, and naturally the public is benefited.

I think that I can offer a suggestion that will be of great help to your many readers and will make the paper more complete—that is a veterinarian medical column.

Sincerely,
Dr. H. T.

ANSWER: If Dr. H. T. had read our article carefully he would have seen that the old theory that milk from tuberculous cows is dangerous to children, or has any effect on the adult human tuberculosis rate, is completely disproven. Most great authorities on human tuberculosis believe this. The same holds true about tu-

berculosis meat. For these reasons the milk and meat consumers are not benefited by the government's slaughtering program.

At the present time the small farmers, through the United Farmers' League, are putting up a terrific fight against the slaughtering program. We are not familiar with the exact reasons why, but we are sure that the farmers, in opposing the slaughtering program, are fighting for their own economic interests.

We would like to hear from some farmers about this whole subject.

We wish to thank Dr. H. T. for his kind offer to write a veterinary column for our paper. However, our space is limited, and until we have more circulation among those who wonder what to do for Fido's stomachache, we fear we would not have enough readers interested in a regular veterinary column.

Quite a number of small farmers subscribe to the WESTERN WORKER who would be interested in veterinary medical problems. We would appreciate some articles to be printed in this column, on subjects of general interest to small farmers.

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We Need Maritime Unity— Not "Beef Squads"

Harry Lundberg, president of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, makes a strong appeal for unity at the emergency convention of that organization now in session in San Francisco.

Mr. Lundberg is absolutely right. We do need unity—more so than at any other time since the Federation was organized back in April of this year. The shipowners are waiting, watching and preparing to move in on the maritime unions at the first major sign of lack of unity. They want the link hauled back; they want to smash the unions which have brought about better conditions for the dock workers and seamen.

We should stand solidly together. We are workers first and seamen or longshoremen next. We oppose a common enemy—the shipowners, who are in turn united against us. This much is clear to all rank and file workers who are members of the various maritime unions.

But Mr. Lundberg, while calling for unity at the Federation Convention uptown, goes to the front, attends a meeting of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific—of which he is a member—and threatens open violence against those who do not agree with his rather individualistic policies.

He does not threaten one—or two. He threatens a majority of the rank and file who have shown time and again in the past few weeks they are striving for unity of action—for a common policy to attain a common end. Harry Lundberg does not consciously play the shipowners' game, but the results of his individualistic actions may well be the same.

Petty differences of opinion, personal dislikes and all the rest must be buried at this time if the Maritime Federation is to grow in size and power. And the Federation MUST grow if the maritime unions are to be preserved.

There is only one course of action to be followed now and that course MUST be dictated by the motto of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific—

"AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL."

The Chinese Red Army Bars Japan's Path

Japan, taking advantage of Britain's dilemma in Africa and the Mediterranean, presses on with her TANAKA PLAN—the systematic conquest of China north of the Yangtze River and ultimately Soviet Siberia west to Lake Baikal.

The crisis in China's affairs, with war-lords splitting away from Chiang Kai Shek and the Kuomintang and whole sections of the middle class population demanding aggressive action against Japan's steady encroachment, finds the present political regime so unstable that Japan's task is seemingly easy.

But several contrary factors are at work, one the revolt of aroused petty bourgeoisie of the trading towns against the Kuomintang's sell-out tactics, the other the wide anti-Japanese people's front being stirred to action by the victorious Chinese Red Army.

Eventually these forces will coalesce in an anti-imperialist organization that will drive all the imperialists out of China, and prepare the way for the advanced stages of the Chinese Revolution, already evidenced by the stirring victories of the Red Army over Kuomintang troops.

In the meanwhile, assassination plays its role, and British, Japanese and American diplomats are actively seeking domination over Chinese internal policies. Rumors fill the air, one stating that a secret treaty between the Soviet Union, China, and the United States has recently been signed. This is, of course, a pure Japanese fabrication, the peace policy of the Soviet Union being open and above board in every detail.

Hail the success of the Chinese Red Army, which alone will drive the imperialist bandits out and ensure peace and progress for the long-tortured Chinese people.

"Millions of workers and toilers in the capitalist countries are asking the question: How can fascism be prevented from coming to power, how can fascism be overthrown where it has been victorious? To this the Communist International replies: The first thing that must be done, the thing with which to commence, is to form a united front, to establish unity of action of the workers in every factory, in every district, in every region, in every country, all over the world. Unity of action of the proletariat on a national and international scale is the mighty weapon which renders the working class capable not only of successful defense but also of successful counter-offensive against the class enemy."—Foreword from the pamphlet, *The United Front Against War and Fascism*, by G. Dimitroff.

A Practical Step on the Oakland Tunnel Job

Various "important" people, including an assortment of geologists and engineers, officials of the notorious "Six Companies," (contractors who built Boulder Dam), county supervisors, state bureaucrats, Federal PWA representatives, and so forth, got together and planned a tunnel—the Oakland Broadway low-level tunnel.

The workers began digging it. Last summer the geologists, engineers, officials, et al discovered there was danger of a cave-in. They held a pow-wow. Nothing came of it.

The workers on the job discovered the danger of a cave-in. They also discovered the Six Companies were violating the contract in paying less than the prescribed wages; there were no proper safety measures.

The tunnel caved in on the workers—killing three of them.

The county supervisors, state bureaucrats, PWA representatives, and so forth, held more pow-wows. The tunnel goes ahead, and since cave-ins are expensive it is likely they are now being guarded against.

But the graft goes on, violations of the wage schedule continue, men are still suffering injuries and working under miserable conditions.

So now the workers are taking the first really practical step to change the situation.

They are organizing a union of the men on the project. They plan to fight for safety measures, decent pay and working conditions, etc. When that is accomplished there is the next practical step to be taken.

Not a pow-wow of the big shots, but the organization of a political party, a labor party representing the working farmers and the rank and file of the unions which will do everything possible to see to it that these things are regulated from the start, and political graft eliminated.

BUILD THE UNIONS!
BUILD THE LABOR PARTY!

Young People's Front Against War and Fascism

You haven't read about it in the capitalist press because it is an expression of real patriotism. It means the uniting of all youth forces toward common action for the prevention of war and fascism. The only kind of patriotism acknowledged by the capitalist press is the jingo hysteria that will trick the youth into uniforms and butchery in the interests of private financial profits.

The Northern California Continuations Committee of the American Youth Congress is holding a conference in the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco on Sunday Morning, Nov. 17th. Registration will begin at 9 a. m. The conference will last all day and close with a dance in the evening.

The conference is more than mere expression of sentiment. It will lay down a practical program of action for the preservation of democratic rights in America, for the prevention of war and fascism, and to oppose militarism in California. Among the groups comprising the United Front which the conference represents are: The Young People's Socialist League, youth delegates from the American Radio Telegraphers Association, youth delegates from the International Seamen's Union, youth delegates from the Carpenters' Union, Local 19, the Filipino Protective Association, the Filipino Christian Endeavor Society, the Young Communist League and many more.

Industrial Unionism and Organization of the Unorganized

Last week eight powerful international unions set up a Committee for Industrial Unionism. The move was headed by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers.

The committee, in its first official statement, declared it not only will fight to bring about industrial unionism but also will take steps to organize the unorganized in the mass production industries.

The industrial form of unionism long has been advocated and promoted by the Communist Party. It brings the masses of workers in one industry closer together and prevents one craft from scabbing on another. The Marine Federation of the Pacific itself is a step toward industrial organization.

The committee, which includes presidents of important international unions, will give encouragement to the unorganized workers in the large industries such as auto and steel. The unorganized workers have not been brought into the American Federation of Labor in sufficient numbers during the years of the economic crisis.

They now will be shown that such decisive unions as those of coal, metal, textile, oil and garment workers are interested in their problems and that they will have the help of these large organizations in their own efforts to form unions and win better conditions on the job.

"We are free today substantially, but the day will come when our republic will be an impossibility. It will be an impossibility because wealth will be concentrated in the hands of a few."—JAMES MADISON.

"The freest government cannot long endure when the tendency of the law is to create a rapid accumulation of property in the hands of a few, and to render the masses poor and dependent."—DANIEL WEBSTER.

Party Life

L. A. Unit Has Some Practical Ideas On Fluctuation

In reply to the appeal for correspondence on unit experiences, and using the Party Life Column as an organizational aid, our unit has approved the drawing up by the unit bureau of the following Party Life material:

We realize that we have our shortcomings, but fluctuation is one thing that we have overcome to a better extent than the average unit, because:

1. We have based our discussions on realistic material issues.

2. We bring up involved issues in the unit and hammer them out on the basis of the correct Party policy.

3. We differentiate between constructive application of the Party line and a sectarian approach.

The last six months' record in fluctuation shows:

Three dropped out for non-attendance and lack of political development, 1 transferred, 1 on leave of absence, 1 expelled for disruption. Payment of dues is 100 per cent, attendance at unit meetings 95 per cent, attendance on Red Sundays is 90 per cent.

We feel that the main problem confronting our Party activity is the fraction question. In regard to Fraction work as expressed in the District Org. Letter of Nov., 1935, we wish to call attention to the lack of discipline in coordinating the fraction activity. The Fractions, where they exist in our sub-section, are not properly responsible to the Party bureaus. The Party bureaus are not assuming their responsibility of reporting these factors to the sub-section meetings. In view of the fact that the fractions cannot be held responsible to the units except through the medium of central Bureaus, the decisions that are made in the sub-section meetings that units check up on fraction members are futile in their application. A number of unit checkups have been turned in to the sub-section org. secretary, but no analysis has resulted.

We feel justified in bringing up the above points as the majority of the comrades in the unit are leading in the activity of their mass organizations and trade unions. We have in the unit: 3 A. F. L. (1 is A. F. L. functionary), 2 P. W. U., 2 in language groups, 1 Red Builder, 2 F. S. U., 1 woman (confined), 1 on leave, 1 transient, 1 to be contacted, 1 temporarily resident; total 12.

We are trying to improve our neighborhood recruiting and hold occasional open unit meetings. The unit also has a local concentration point.

Unit A1 Downtown Subsection, Los Angeles Section.

A. M. Unit Organizer.

All the units in our district should follow the example of the Unit A1, Downtown Subsection, Los Angeles, and keep sending in similar analysis of unit activities to the Party Life column, which should be an actual organizational guide and help to all units.

Dist. Org. Dept.

Old Age Pensions

AUSTIN, Tex.—(FP)—If old age pensions are paid in Texas, the big oil companies will not foot the bill. Under pressure from lobbyists, the house of representatives rejected a proposal to raise the crude oil production tax from 2 to 6c a barrel to finance the proposed pensions.

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WORKERS' OPEN FORUM

LIFE BEGINS AT 121.

Comrade Editor:

At 121 Haight st., San Francisco, a workers' center with a splendid dance floor is going to waste. In the past the dance floor has been like a barn, cold, unfriendly.

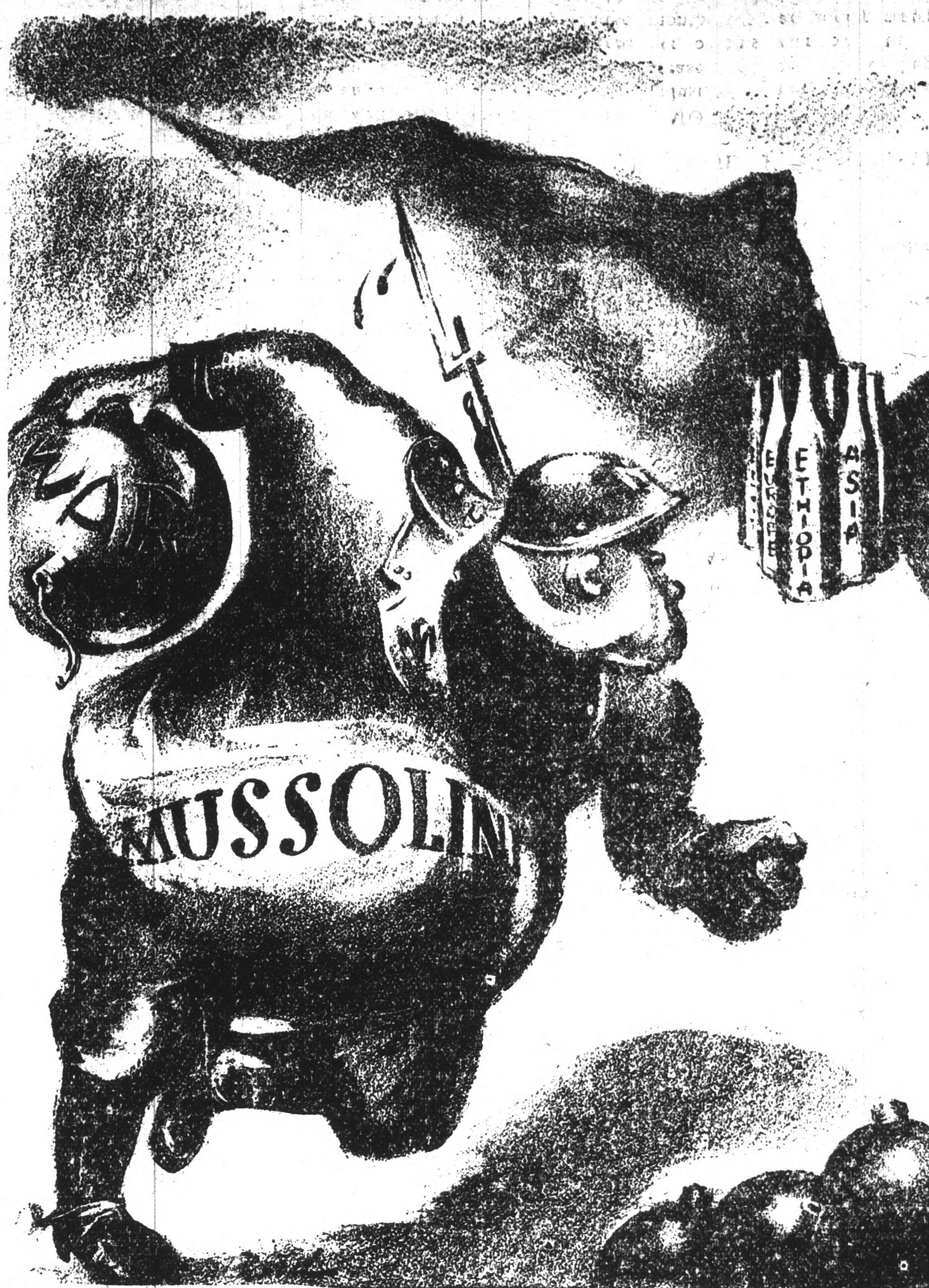
A library upstairs is never filled as it should be. A stage in the auditorium should be renovated and used for plays by workers theaters.

Let's put some new life and faces in this excellent working class headquarters.

The Music Club and House Committee have started by arranging a dance every Wednesday and Saturday night, provided no other organization wants to use the hall. When the working public learn to expect these dances they will not be disappointed. Surprises each night will be the order of the

THE BOWLER

by Phil Bard



Labor vs. Murder in Cuba

Cesar Vilar, Leader Of Union, Jailed Without Charges

By Conrad Komorowski.
"The arrest of Cesar Vilar must awaken within the American people all the good-will they bear to the Cuban people, must arouse and strengthen all sympathy, and must bring forth a torrent of protests to the Cuban military regime and to the United States Department of State."

—Earl Browder—Daily Worker,
November 5, 1935.

Because he is General Secretary of the National Cuban Federation of Labor, because he fights for the demands of the Cuban people, because he is a determined enemy of imperialism, Cesar Vilar today faces possible murder in his cell by the Secret Service of the Cuban Army.

During the General Strike of March of this year, Cesar Vilar was declared Public Enemy No. 1 by the military regime. The bloodhounds of Batista have since kept up a relentless search for this worker who is so much hated by imperialism and its native Cuban puppets.

Soldiers and Scabs.

Dozens of workers had been killed in the March strike; hundreds wounded, and thousands jailed. The Government issued a decree declaring it to be "a crime against the State" for any employer or firm to negotiate with the National Cuban Federation of Labor (CNOC) or any of its affiliates. All unions were in effect outlawed. Trade union lead-

Troops, Scabs Back Wall Street Rule Of Island

ers in office in March were forbidden by decree to hold any office for two years. The Army patrolled the streets and the working places. Scabs, in most cases members of the Military Reserve, and well-paid for anything, filled the shops and factories. Many union members were frightened; in almost every case the trade-union apparatus was disorganized by arrests and violence.

And, in the midst of all this, the man most hated and sought by the forces of reaction, went about his work. Cesar Vilar worked illegally; he went from factory to factory, however, and from worker's house to worker's house. Slowly, but certainly, the working class of Cuba is recuperating from the blows received in the General Strike in March, 1935, by the superior forces of the mechanized army of Batista.

Outstanding Leader.

Protected by the love and care of the workers he had led in struggle, Cesar Vilar remained free for many valuable months. And then, suddenly, on November 1, while Vilar was at home with his wife and four children, soldiers surrounded the building, and he was taken off to jail for "investigation."

Cesar Vilar is one of the best sons of the Cuban working class. The story of his life is almost that of the organized labor movement in Cuba.

As a member of the Executive Council of the Bricklayers' Union in Manzanillo, Oriente Province, Vilar participated in the Conference which organized the CNOC. This was in 1925.

In 1928 he led a strike of highway construction workers in Oriente Province which had repercussions throughout the country. In 1930 he led the general strike in Manzanillo which was aimed to overthrow Machado. In 1933 he led the general strike which did succeed in ending the tyranny of Machado. In the meantime, in 1930, he had been elected General-Secretary of CNOC.

Against Imperialism.

It is impossible to discuss all the strike-struggles led by Vilar, many of them personally. He has been arrested seven times, and has spent a total of three years in prison because of his militant activities.

In him imperialism, rightly sees one of its most determined and capable enemies. Its anxiety to catch him has been increased by the work begun by CNOC for the organization of a general strike as the answer of the Cuban people to the election-farce prepared for December 15 by the United States imperialism. Within the last two months the curve of labor

Rule By Murder.

There is no charge lodged against Vilar. He is being "investigated." Only a few days ago several of the persons involved in the famous "Case of the Three Hundred" were acquitted of the charge of being "the intellectual directors" of the March General Strike. The Public Prosecutor himself was forced to declare that if the accused were condemned, it would be necessary to drag the whole of the Cuban people before the Urgency Courts. Rather than risk an open trial, which in these days of an ascending revolutionary wave, would be dangerous, the Batista-Caffey bayonet rule may seek time-honored methods of murder—"shot while trying to escape," "dies of heart-failure during investigation," "killed by a cell-mate in a quarrel," "hung himself."

"We owe the deepest duty of solidarity to the people whom our imperialism, United States imperialism, oppresses by the bloodiest means," said Earl Browder. We must act, and immediately.

Americans Must Protest.

The Cuban Consulate in New York, 17 Battery Place, is being picketed.

Send telegrams of protest to Colonel Fulgencio Batista, Camp Columbia, Havana, Cuba; to President Mendieta, Presidential Palace, Havana, Cuba; to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Washington, D. C.; and to the Cuban Consulate, 17 Battery Place. Demand the immediate unconditional release of Cesar Vilar unharmed. Present a resolution to your organization.

SOVIET FOOD INDUSTRY

MOSCOW.—Production of food industries in the Soviet Union increased 44.9 per cent in September of this year over the same month last year, adding materially to the well-being of the Soviet workers.

World Events

By Emmett Kirby

Japan Again Makes Attempt to Seize Shanghai

As the date for applying League sanctions against Italy approaches Japan grows bolder in her moves in China. Britain, she figures, will now be too thoroughly busy elsewhere to pay her former attention to her imperialist interests in the Far East.

In fact, since British warships have been withdrawn from Chinese waters to augment the fleet concentrated in the Mediterranean, the Japanese warlords have made several tentative moves into the Yangtze River area and further south into what Britain considers her own part of China.

The result of these little excursions—to Hongkong and Swatow—was that they found the United States Asiatic fleet had chosen the same time to make similar visits, just by way of saying, "We're not too busy in Europe and we have Standard Oil, mining, railway and other interests here which we will watch over."

The much ballyhooed flight of the Chinese Clipper will not—thanks to Japanese influence—end in China, but on the Portuguese island of Macao. From there the short trip to Hongkong and Chinese soil will be made on Chinese planes.

And of particular significance is the statement of Washington, D. C., that despite the conflicts in Europe and the African war, the U. S. navy will remain in full strength in the Pacific.

2000 Marines Landed.

However, Japanese goes forward in her plans of expansion. Sunday, for the first time since 1932, Japanese armed forces in great number have been landed at Shanghai.

The steps there are much the same as those which brought on the attack on Shanghai which was only beaten back by the defense of the Chinese working class and the famous 19th Route Army who refused their generals' attempts to betray the city, and put up a heroic defense.

Claiming first the murder of a Japanese marine and later that a Japanese girl says she had rocks thrown at her, 2000 marines have seized a portion of Shanghai to "avenge the honor" thus affronted. It is followed by demands for immediate cessation of anti-Japanese activities—demonstrations and boycotts.

Japanese warships are landing more troops and authoritative statements from Tokyo declare that before the week is out the Japanese army massed in China plans "some kind of action in line with its duty."

Second Manchukuo.

Whether this will include an attempted seizure of Shanghai carried out on the scale of 1932 remains to be seen. But the move will attain some proportions, if only to distract attention from the setting up of a second puppet state, more or less like Manchukuo, composed of North Chinese provinces.

10,000,000,000 Deficit.

For years the peasants and working class of Japan have been taxed almost to the breaking point for the sake of a huge army and navy. The deficit now exceeds ten billion yen and will continue to pile up for years.

But the promised gains have not been forthcoming. Manchukuo, instead of being an unmixed blessing has proven an economic rival, increasing unemployment in Japan proper, and underselling the poverty stricken Japanese farmer, strange as that may seem.

And the costliness of maintaining rule in the face of the organized resistance of a large part of the Manchurians has only increased the tax burden borne by the people. The military machine must begin to show some new tangible results if they want to stay on top. The second "autonomous government" in North China, and economic concessions in Shanghai and the Yangtze Valley mark that attempt.

And the attempt will meet with greater resistance on the part of the Chinese workers and peasants than previously.

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